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# The Editor's Page

## Benson Honored

The picture on the cover this month shows Harry G. Benson, left, being congratulated by Noah Downes, one of his former pupils, as he receives word that he has been elected to the American Athletic Association of the Deaf Hall of Fame. The picture was taken in the gymnasium of the Maryland School for the Deaf, named for Mr. Benson in honor of his 48 years as a teacher and coach at the school.

Noah Downes, also a Hall of Fame member, was one of Maryland School's greatest athletes. The third man in the picture is unidentified.

Mr. Benson's countless friends throughout the deaf world will rejoice in the honors that have come to him and THE SILENT WORKER extends its congratulations. A brief resume of his career will be found in the sports pages.

## Not Dumb

Educators of the deaf and organizations of the deaf have been trying for many years to educate the public as to the proper nomenclature to use in reference to the deaf, but we still frequently come across such terms as "deaf and dumb," or "deaf-mute." The deaf should be called simply "the deaf," and as such they should be distinguished from the hard of hearing.

Below is a letter written by Mrs. Harold Coleman of Wichita, Kansas, which recently appeared in the Wichita Eagle under the title, "Deaf and Not Dumb."

"I'm writing in reference to the front page of your newspaper (Dec. 18) about the Catholic Sister using sign language to the — and I quote — 'deaf and dumb' children of somewhere in Philadelphia.

"Being a mother of a deaf daughter, I fairly boiled.

"Dumb? Indeed, gentlemen, help us to educate the people of today that the deaf are not dumb.

"Far from it. Most of the children are as normal in every way as hearing children and standing them side by side you could not point out a deaf child.

"Visit a deaf school sometime and see this yourself.

"Yes, I know. I was educated in the saying that the deaf are dumb. But times, knowledge, science, and heaven only knows what have opened doors that used to be closed.

"We can now see even mental health in a different light.

"So, please, when thousands and millions of people hear and read the old

fashioned sayings that can cut very deep, won't you help us by calling them the deaf or the silent? But dumb — never.

"I know many others feel the same way. I always correct people when I hear them refer to the deaf and dumb. And they, bless their hearts, most of them remember.

"But it doesn't help when newspapers and radio personalities aren't up to date on this matter."

## Advertising Manager

THE SILENT WORKER is proud to announce the appointment of Alexander Fleischman to its staff as advertising manager, an office that has been filled heretofore by regular members of the staff.

Mr. Fleischman has had wide experience in the managing phases of numerous projects among the deaf. He was advertising manager and later business manager of *The National Observer*, a former newspaper for and by the deaf. He is at present secretary-treasurer of the American Athletic Association of the Deaf, and readers will find more about him on the sports pages.

With a regular advertising manager at work for THE SILENT WORKER, it is hoped more organizations among the deaf will advertise their events. It has been definitely shown that advertising in this magazine has increased attendance at numerous affairs. Mr. Fleischman is prepared to offer special rates to clubs of the deaf, sports groups, churches, and other groups conducting activities among the deaf. Persons in charge of arrangements for conventions, athletic events, picnics, or socials, may consult Mr. Fleischman. His address is 8629 Piney Branch Road, Silver Springs, Maryland.

## N.A.D. By-Laws

In its series on the "New N.A.D.", the Reorganization Committee this month presents the new by-laws as proposed by the Reorganization Conference held last summer at Fulton, Missouri. It should be noted that these by-laws are not the official laws of the Association. They are to be submitted to the convention in St. Louis in July, and after they are approved or revised and accepted by the members of the convention, they will then become the official by-laws of the new N.A.D.

The Committee does not claim that it has attained perfection in devising these new laws. It realizes that improvements may still be made, and it looks

to the members and delegates to contribute their thoughts at the convention. Members and delegates planning to attend the convention will do well to keep this copy of THE SILENT WORKER and take it along to St. Louis for reference.

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# THE END OF AN ERA

By Roy J. Stewart

THIS IS THE STORY of a lonely boy who pulled himself up by his own bootstraps, and his native industry and intelligence, to become Resident Principal of the Maryland School for Colored Deaf and Blind at Overlea, Baltimore, Md., for a period of 38 years. He is Henry John Stegemerten, known to his friends and associates as just plain Stege.

The Maryland School for Colored Deaf and Blind was founded in Baltimore City in 1872. About the year 1906 Mr. John F. Bledsoe was its principal and planned the buildings and move to Overlea. It was his pride and joy and was a department of the Maryland School for the Blind of which Mr. Bledsoe became Superintendent. Many graduates of Gallaudet, including Normals, taught at the Overlea School. Four former Principals became Superintendents of State Schools. They were John F. Bledsoe, Lyman Steed, T. O. Forrester, and Walter Tucker. Many former teachers are teaching in other schools. Several former teachers became ministers. Among them is Rev. Dr. J. Stanley Light and the late Rev. Daniel E. Moylan. The late Margaret McKellar was one of the most beloved and valued teachers. She received offers to teach elsewhere but her interest in the progress of her colored pupils held her at Overlea until the end. As an example of her interest she, and other teachers, once took several pupils on a tour to the Luray Caverns and a visit to historic places in Old Virginia, such as the home of Jefferson at Monticello.

The school is, or was, located at one end of a large tract of 100 acres of

land occupied by the Maryland School for the Blind. The land is hemmed in by a border of tall and beautiful trees. Indians once roamed it, for you can still find arrow-points in the garden and plowed fields. The scene is pastoral where every prospect pleases. The apple orchard is regarded as one of the best in the state of Maryland. Once there you feel out in the country, away from the turmoil of the city, although you are almost in the heart of Baltimore. Such was the scene where colored pupils from Maryland, District of Columbia, and West Virginia had a school they could call their very own.

The school came to an end in June, 1956, thus bringing to a close a happy and educational era for colored pupils. The end was largely brought about by a decision of the U. S. Supreme Court regarding segregation. Whether the pupils, scattered hither and yon, will be better off is a question for time to decide.

On May 20, 1956, the alumni of the school met at Overlea and gave Mr. and Mrs. Stegemerten a great surprise. Among those present were two or more students from each year of Mr. Stegemerten's time at Overlea (39 years). Present were parents and grand-parents with college educated children. How nice they all looked—courteous, well dressed, well mannered, and many of them owning cars and some homes. Before leaving they gave Mr. and Mrs. Stegemerten several useful presents and a purse to show their appreciation of what had been done for them.

The day after the above affair Dr. Francis M. Andrews, Superintendent of the Maryland School for the Blind, sent Henry the following letter:

May 21, 1956

Dear Mr. Stegemerten:

I think the party which the former students had for you and Mrs. Stegemerten yesterday was wonderful. I was tremendously impressed with the former students of that department and assure you you have a right to be proud of what you have accomplished with them.

Sincerely yours,

Francis M. Andrews  
Superintendent.

The pleasant residential home of the Principal was last March demolished by bulldozers to make way for new buildings for blind children. Down the years many an enjoyable social gathering had been held there. Friends came from Washington, Baltimore, and other cities to attend. Memories of those happy gatherings will linger with those fortunate to have been present.



Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. Stegemerten

In September, 1956, Henry J. Stegemerten joined the teaching force of the Maryland School at Frederick. It is the opinion of those who know him that the Maryland School is fortunate to have on its faculty one of his experience and proven capabilities. Thus ends the era.

Now let us turn to the year 1890. About that time William E. Stegemerten came to this country from Germany, and Annie McConlogue from Ireland. They met, married and settled in Washington, D.C. To them, on September 5, 1893, Henry J. Stegemerten was born. If blood counts for anything, Stege has the patience and some of the stubbornness of the German and the fun loving and fighting qualities of the Irish. This is tempered by what Dr. Percival Hall called power of reasoning, for which he gave Henry a rating of excellent. William and Annie Stegemerten lived in a nice home in northwest Washington, in the neighborhood of 19th and Rhode Island Ave., and close to St. Matthews Cathedral, which retains the record of Henry's baptism. The father was a successful Washington business man.

Every thing went well in a good home until 1897 when Henry's father passed away and likewise his business and family support, leaving upset and sorrowing a young mother with two sons—Henry aged 4 and a brother, 2. As practically all relatives were in Germany and Ireland, the mother, left alone in this country, had a tough struggle raising her two sons and having them educated in parochial and public schools of Washington. The pinch of poverty came fast and forced moving from one and then to another lower living standard neighborhood. As his age permitted, Henry

The Stegemerten Family





"Humility"

Douglas Craig, Died Feb. 2, 1936

had to help his mother meet living expenses by selling newspapers after school hours—often barefooted, which may explain why he now wears large-sized shoes.

Around 1905 it was getting too much for the mother, who became ill. Henry had to give up school and go to work to help support the family. He was then about 11 years old and in probably the fifth grade of school—apparently the end of his formal education in school. He went to work first in a paper box factory. Then he drove a wagon delivering dairy products all over Washington. He also worked as a bundle wrapper and became chief bundle wrapper at the Palais Royal, Washington's most exclusive departmental store in those days.

In 1907 his mother unexpectedly passed away. Henry and his brother were left stranded—orphans. Here is where the St. Vincent de Paul Society stepped in and made arrangements to have the two orphaned boys placed in St. Mary's Industrial School of Baltimore, Md., for a limited term of vocational training and job placement. Now let Henry tell about his two years at St. Mary's:

"We were not confined by Court order to age of 21 as were many other boys there. We went to St. Mary's in 1907. There were about six hundred

boys there from 6 to 21 years of age, some orphans, some in training, and some juvenile delinquents as they are called today. Rules were the same for all—extremely strict and the boys learned to obey. A day at St. Mary's ran something like this: early chapel gathering, two hours of classroom work and six hours of shop. The place was inclosed by high walls. Among the boys there at the time was George Herman (Babe) Ruth, a natural ball player. He drew no particular attention except that he could play any position well and 'slug' the ball at will. He was just a youngster then and it was several years later that he developed and became famous.

"I was put to work to learn the printing trade, especially pressroom work. I recall it was here I received my first and only spanking while at St. Mary's. In my first days at feeding a press I was afraid of the press and did not try enough—was somewhat stubborn. After failure of talks spanking was tried. It worked promptly. I became an expert forthwith on the press. I just ran across the 1909 Report of St. Mary's. It consists of many multicolored pictures. I did the presswork on that report. Since that year a fire has destroyed all records at the school.

"While at St. Mary's I caught a severe cold and became very sick and nervous. I began to lose my hearing. The Xavarian Brothers in charge were well aware of how the boys faked excuses to get out of St. Mary's but my case was a puzzler to them. At first they suspected faking deafness but I was spared spankings for this through kind consideration of the Brothers. They finally were convinced, however, by an ear specialist's examination and the St. Vincent DePaul Society was notified to take me back to Washington where I soon learned my case had been diagnosed as spinal meningitis.

"From St. Mary's I was taken to House No. 1 on Kendall Green to see Dr. Edward M. Gallaudet, who made a wonderful impression on me. He was so kindly looking, friendly, and comforting. In answer to his question: 'Are you a good boy?' I nodded my head and Dr. Gallaudet, with a broad smile and a pat on the head, told me I was admitted to the Kendall School. There was where my schooling (education) started again and I went on to help educate others. Would you say in this case, that the handicap proved a blessing?"

During the years 1909-1911 Henry was at the Kendall School. There he regained his health but was left deaf. He otherwise overcame the ill effects from the spinal meningitis attack he had while at St. Mary's. It is thought by some that he is hard of hearing and can use the telephone. This is not so. He is just

alert and a good guesser at lip-reading. He thrived in studies at the Kendall School and passed the entrance examinations to Gallaudet College. Dr. Percival Hall took a personal interest in the young man and gave him work around Kendall Green to help meet expenses as there was no help coming from relatives or guardians. He was strictly on his own. Working as first assistant to "Prof." Douglas Craig was one of his jobs. He continued this during his first years in college and became "private secretary" to the "Professor."

Now it is necessary to give a word picture of Craig so that our readers can understand the humor of the situation. Douglas was a colored man. When small he was picked up on the streets of Washington as a waif who did not know how old he was or where he was born. He was deaf and could not speak. Dr. Gallaudet placed him in the Kendall School and kept him there until young manhood. He then went to work on the Green and remained there all his life until he passed away at an advanced age. He undoubtedly was the most faithful servant Kendall Green ever had. His use of English was very limited but his judgment was pretty good and he had a sense of humor. Henry became his "private secretary" taking care of his correspondence, watching his investments, and giving advice.

One of Craig's stunts was to collect fifty cents from each new boy entering college for taking his trunk from the station to Kendall Green. He would always return the money to the boys when the Easter camping trip to Great Falls came around. The upper classmen introduced him to the new boys as "Professor of Lip Reading" and they would be requested to read his lips. None ever succeeded. Whereupon Craig would frown, a most prodigious frown, and remark he had to report them to Dr. Gallaudet. It is said of Douglas that he proposed to every colored cook that came to Kendall Green but to no avail. Finally, after long last, he discovered the lady of his choice lived in Baltimore. She too was deaf. At this point correspondence was important and Craig's ability to write was limited. Here is where Henry stepped in and assisted him. Not many years later a wedding took place and the Craigs' honeymoon was a visit to the Overlea School.

Henry spent the years 1911-1916 at Gallaudet. He was not robust enough to shine on the football team, although he had the fight and desire to do so. Instead he managed both the football and baseball teams his last two years at Gallaudet and when he graduated he left \$700 (quite a lot in those days) in the athletic treasury, which is more than had been left before or since. He inaugurated the Athletic Advisory Board



which governed athletics at Gallaudet for many years. He was active in all college organizations such as *The Buff and Blue*, The Athletic Association, The Literary Society, the Dramatic Club, and the Kappa Gamma. In fact, he was one of the most outstanding student leaders during his time at Gallaudet.

After graduating he tried printing in pressrooms around Washington. In 1917 he received an offer to teach at Overlea. The first year he was a teacher and supervisor of boys. His suggestions and new ideas for improvements brought him a trial as Principal. He was Resident Principal of the Department of Colored Deaf and Blind at Overlea for 38 years. It was a semi-executive position which carried many responsibilities. He won the respect and confidence of the late Supt. John F. Bledsoe, a Gallaudet Normal classmate of Dr. Percival Hall. He made every effort to improve the lot of the colored deaf of Maryland, District of Columbia, and West Virginia educationally, socially, economically and otherwise. Overlea became known as a little school doing a lot of good. In recognition of his accomplishments and success he was honored with a Master of Arts degree at Gallaudet in 1937.

When the school fund for repairs was low he organized and instructed groups

of pupils at floor surfacing, brush and spray painting, etc., during summer vacations thereby greatly helping the school as well as the boys. Later some of the boys went outside and earned more money than did their teachers. The enrollment grew. The students learned to finish prescribed courses and graduate with honors. Several hundred were beneficiaries of changes for the better during his time — among them college material.

In 1924 he was married to Katherine B. Phipps, teacher of sewing and cooking at the school. Katherine was born and reared along the shores of Chesapeake Bay in Southern Maryland. She received her education in the public schools and one year at Frederick, Md., and has taken several special courses at the University of Maryland. She is hard of hearing and that has been helpful. It is a treat to sit at her table, for her deviled crabs and crab cakes are out of this world. In 1926 their son, Henry J. Jr., was born. Junior was in the Navy during World War II and at its close was so deeply engrossed in electronics that the Navy was reluctant to release him. He graduated from Loyola of the East and received two gold medals for being the outstanding student in his class. At present he is taking advanced courses at Johns Hopkins University in line with his work at the

Glenn L. Martin Airplane Co., where he is an associate engineer.

Henry, Sr. is a modest man who hides his light under a bushel basket. In this write-up I have endeavored to kick over the basket so that the readers may see the light shining there. He likes work and sincere persons, is good at gardening, and very good at motion picture making. His service in helping edit, splice and assemble the N.A.D. films was outstanding and he started the G.C.A.A. Motion Picture Committee on its career by filming, with his own camera, two reels that are still interesting. He hopes to be helpful to the deaf after leaving Overlea. Should you chance to pass his home, 3201 Taylor Ave., Baltimore 14, Md., when the leaves are falling down you might see him with a long-handled rake using it with the same rhythmic stroke that was taught him by Douglas Craig when he was a boy.

The Maryland School for the Deaf is located in the historic town of Frederick. Henry will be relieved of the worries of managing a school. There are bass and trout streams near Frederick and I still hope to induce him to take up fishing for it keeps a man young. Henry is very naive about fishing. He thinks that a rod is a long pole baited with a worm at both ends.

## MANUALLY SPEAKING . . . By Max N. Mossel

### 11th in a Series

How do you sign the word "deaf"?

Do you always put D hand to the mouth and then to the ear, or vice versa, as shown in Fig. 1? If you do, then you belong to the vast majority who habitually use this sign.

Do you always put D hand to the ear

first and then follow with a sign for "shut," as in Fig. 2? An affirmative answer indicates you unconsciously favor or knowingly belong to another school of thought who rationalize (rightly or wrongly) the Fig. 1 sign as too orthodox to have a place in our manual communication.

Which sign is correct and therefore should be prevalently practiced? Before we give our answer, we have to tell how those signs came into being in the first place.

The so-called "orthodox" sign is a mere adaptation of a natural gesture that practically all of us deaf people



Fig. 1. DEAF.



Fig. 2. DEAF; DEAFENED.



Fig. 3. DEAF-MUTE.



on both sides of the Iron Curtain have used in contact with hearing strangers. This universally understood gesture involves the pointing of the index finger to the hearing and speaking organs followed by a shake of the head to indicate useless ears and inability to speak. With the introduction of the Sign Language, the shake of the head was dropped as unnecessary and the sign was modified to omit direct pointing.

From then on variant signs pertaining to deafness sprang up. We even adopted, to make light of our own deafness, the very sign we had so resented in our childhood days when thoughtless hearing children adapted a version of "thumb-on-the-nose" to the ears and yelled lustily, "Yah, yah, Dummy!" The "dummy" sign, now evolved to mean "stone-deaf," is often used by the signer to emphasize that he "had not heard about" what everybody else supposedly already knows.

When the Fig. 2 sign was first coined, it had a different meaning from what it is now. It apparently was born in a literal translation of some euphemistic language such as "... his ears that had for long known sweet music at last closed never to hear again..." Here the reference was made to the ears and not to the mouth. Naturally this sign had all along been reserved to describe those *deafened* after their speech had been firmly established... until oralism came along to give every child an opportunity to learn and acquire speech.

Whoever first suggested that the Fig. 2 sign be henceforth used instead of the original sign must have advanced his argument that with speech now being taught, deaf children are no longer mute; therefore, any reference to "closed mouth" has become unnecessary.

Now, the question before us is: Should this sign be used to the exclusion of the older one in speaking of the deaf as a class? If you let us be the judge, then we would rule against it. Our opinion is based on the following argument.

To claim that all the deaf can speak, as this sign implies, is just as fallacious as to say that all of them are shut-deaf. There are varying degrees of deafness and muteness. Neither one sign nor the others can be applied to the deaf as a class in the strictest sense, but either of them may be used when the deaf as a general group are meant.

The argument that the deaf can and do speak is purely academic, and just because a few of them have managed to speak exceptionally well does not mean that all the rest can be as successful. Theoretically all the deaf can learn to speak, but the law of nature or whatever it is won't permit it. Theoretically all the people can learn to be singers,

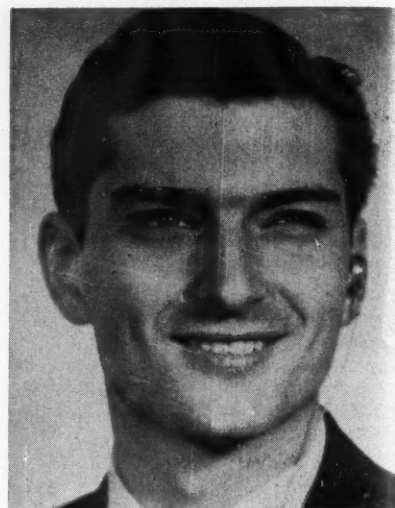
writers, artists, or ball players, but only a few of them ever reach the top. There will always be successes as well as failures. We are not writing to belittle speech for the deaf, for we do wish it could be possible for all the deaf to speak well. We just have to be realistic in calling a spade a spade.

The exponents of the Fig. 2 sign explain in their own fashion that the finger-to-the-ear sign doesn't necessarily mean total deafness nor does the absence of the finger-to-the-mouth sign mean that all can talk. Surely they cannot eat their cake and have it, too. Those for the *status quo* sign can easily steal their brand of thunder by employing the same line of reasoning. They can counter-argue that the Fig. 1 sign doesn't necessarily mean complete muteness and total deafness, and that at most it means more or less imperfect speech and defective hearing. The deaf themselves, did not coin the word "semi-mute" for nothing. It is, in case you are hazy on its meaning, an appellation for those who more or less retain their speech after becoming *deafened* at an age of nine or over.

The older sign is a "matter-of-fact" sign, pointing out what is actually in existence, while the other one appeals to the euphemistic nature. Yet both signs impart the word "deaf," and to our way of thinking, the choice had best be left to each individual. Come to think of it, we see a parallel case in "father" or "mother." Both can be of either two-hand or one-hand variety. The one-hand sign is prevalently practiced, but there is a minority who object to this. Is there really any difference in those two methods when both of them impart the word "father"? The only difference is that using two hands lends to grace and elegance, which sometimes can have a drawback. A cup of coffee in your hand at a reception, for example. The one addicted to using two hands either has to put down the cup and sign "father" or risk spilling some of the contents down a dowager's back in making a swinging motion. Happily, this has never occurred, for this particular person has to use one hand—perhaps sheepishly.

Always on a lookout for an opportunity to initialize appropriate signs, we came across the word "deaf-mute." We thought it would be a dandy idea to initialize this sign, so here we go. Fig. 3 shows how it is done, and the execution of the sign is similar to that in Fig. 1. Place D hand to the ear first, and then M hand to the mouth. The M would mean inability to speak while the D on the mouth as in Fig. 1 would mean imperfect but adequate speech.

(Miss Marilyn Collins, a student at the Missouri School for the Deaf, posed for the pictures on page 5.—Ed.)



### Deaf Lawyer Admitted to U. S. Court

Lowell J. Myers, a deaf lawyer of Chicago, Illinois, after completing his studies for the degree of Doctor of Laws last June, ranking third in his class, was admitted to the Illinois Bar in November, 1956, and in December he was admitted to the Federal Bar. Prior to taking up the study of law, Dr. Myers was a Certified Public Accountant, which was another unusual distinction for a deaf man.

For the past five years Dr. Myers had been employed as a tax auditor by the Department of Revenue of the State of Illinois, but he now plans to specialize in Tax Law, and is presently employed by the Sears, Roebuck Corporation as a tax attorney. He received his Master of Business Arts degree from the University of Chicago, and his law degree from the John Marshall Law School of Chicago.

Dr. Myers is a son of deaf parents, and he has been a member of the Chicago Club of the Deaf and the National Fraternal Society of the Deaf. The hearing aid he wears in the picture on this page does not mean that he possesses usable hearing. In fact, he cannot hear well enough to understand anything that is spoken to him with the hearing aid alone. He is a good lip-reader, however, and he finds the hearing aid of considerable help when combined with his lip-reading skill.

Dr. Myers' wife, Sibyl, is hard of hearing, and a graduate of the University of Illinois, where she majored in social work. She keeps busy working for the Encyclopedia Britannica and keeping up her hobby of making ceramics.

It may be that Dr. Myers is the only deaf attorney at law in the United States, but he takes it in stride. He says there is nothing a deaf person cannot do if he is only given a chance.

# CRAFTSMEN IN THE SILENT WORLD

Story by Dorothy Agnew, Pictures by H. Raymond Ball

In the Providence Sunday Journal

(Editor's Note: Thanks are due Dorothy Agnew and H. Raymond Ball for permission to reprint the article and pictures which appeared on the first page of the Home Section of PROVIDENCE SUNDAY JOURNAL for November 11, 1956.

Abram Cohen was classmate of THE SILENT WORKER's Sports Editor at the Pennsylvania School for the Deaf, graduating with him in 1927.

Last August 12 Mr. and Mrs. Cohen were honored with a surprise 25th wedding anniversary dinner at the Indian Hill Country Club, Newington, Conn. Mrs. Cohen is the former Hannah Levine, who attended the American School for the Deaf at West Hartford, Conn., before she was transferred to the Horace Mann School for the Deaf at Boston, Mass.

Mr. Cohen is well known in the New England States, having been

carpentry instructor at the Rhode Island School for the Deaf for thirty years, and was athletic coach of the school for 15 years, retiring in 1941. He is a leader of the Providence Division of NFSD and of the Providence Club of the Deaf. For several years he has been coach of the Providence Club of the Deaf basketball team, which copped the championship of the New England Athletic Association of the Deaf the last four years.

He and his wife have three children. Stanley, aged 24, a graduate of Boston University, is in the U. S. Army as a radio engineer and instructor in Formosa. Nancy, 20, is a secretary, and Roy, 14, attends a Junior High School in Providence.

Abram was a great football player while a student at the Mt. Airy school, so turn to the sports section and read a writeup about him as a football player.)

Also included in the group are chests of drawers, low-boys, smaller tables and four-poster beds. Mr. Cohen recently modernized the old-fashioned kitchen in this two-family house. Where once glass-door cupboards held sway is now a long, smooth panel of wood doors. Under-counter cupboards have been revamped.



Dining room in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Abram Cohen, 134 Larch Street, Providence, R. I., has full quota of fine furniture. Mr. Cohen completed the six chairs recently. He also made the other pieces.

Trained at the Pennsylvania School for the Deaf, Mt. Airy, Mr. Cohen has been teaching 30 years at the Rhode Island school. Most of his pupils have gone out to lucrative positions.

Last summer the couple celebrated 25 years of marriage. His gift to Mrs. Cohen was a sizable check and a trip to California in the family car. Traveling leisurely, they were five weeks on the road.

Interest in the romance of this wonderfully young-looking couple prompted this question: "Where did you meet Hannah?" The surprising answer was, "At a dance in Boston." It is not necessary to be able to hear music to be an expert dancer. Dancing, in these special cases, is learned and enjoyed mostly by means of vibrations from feet moving in rhythm on a wooden floor, the Cohens said.

When hearing is deficient, sight and touch are generally stimulated. Students on woodworking assignments are meticulous about proportions of the pieces in the making. Delicacy of detail is of utmost importance and finish must be nothing short of perfection.

Students on advanced work range in age from 13 to 16, 17, 18 or more. The ages of graduates vary. They have learned mechanical drawing in that specialized department and are capable of making working drawings. They know woods, as well as every woodworking and carpentry tool, its use and name.

Furniture made under guidance runs





Pine table being made in workshop of the Rhode Island School for the Deaf by student Carleton Davis is appraised by his teacher, Abram Cohen.

from simple wall shelves, folding picnic tables and footstools — done with mass production technique — to richer tables incorporating turning and inlay, desks, chests of drawers and even four-poster beds. The big pieces are generally one-man productions.

Pride is not all that comes with the completion of a fine piece of furniture. There is the assurance of being able to do fine work that will be in demand in this highly-competitive world.

John Yale Crouter, principal of the school, commenting on the children be-

ing educated there, said, "Our aim is to train them to be valuable, well-adjusted citizens. They get experience in various lines of work. Many go directly to fine positions. One Providence firm dealing with precision instruments will take as many of our young men as we can send."

Many go on to higher education.

All are schooled in social graces. The girls are expert home economists by the time they graduate. They certainly know the fine points of food buying, home management, sewing and budgeting.

Mrs. Cohen is an expert seamstress.



Kitchen in the two-family house has been streamlined by do-it-yourself homework.

## With the Foreign Deaf...

By Paul Lange

The German *Gehorlosen Zeitung* published a very interesting series of articles about the adventures of a young German traveler on the continents of Europe and Asia. Endowed with a wonderful personality, he found a ready welcome everywhere, as well as pleasant and intelligent fellow-travelers.

The December *Gazette des Sourds Muets* of Paris reported the passing of Mrs. René Coty, wife of the President of France, on December 17. Her passing was mourned by the deaf of France, in whom she had taken a great interest.

The *Gazette* also mentions a deaf ballet dancer who made her appearance at the Grand Opera House of Prague, Hungary.

The associations of the deaf of the four nations of Northern Europe, Finland, Sweden, Norway, and Denmark, which for a number of years have been agitating for unification of the sign language, finally succeeded in arranging for a get-together of the brightest minds of the deaf of these nations and so far have agreed on over one thousand signs. This is a good nucleus for a vocabulary of signs.

We see from the December *British Deaf Messenger* that the International Chess Championship contests for the deaf were to be held at Varcovie, Poland, in February. The Polish Federation offered free accommodations, meals, and pocket money to all competitors. We have seen nothing about the event in the European deaf press.

A Norwegian teacher of the deaf while vacationing on the island of Madagascar on the east coast of Africa discovered that there was no school for the deaf on the island. He has since taken steps to have the French government send the deaf of the island to schools in Europe.

The Helen Keller Home for the Deaf in Tel-Aviv, Israel, is nearing completion and an elaborate celebration is planned for its opening.

W. Baird tells us in his page of the *British Deaf Times* that there is a unique graveyard for pet animals in a suburb of London. Here the pet monkey of a deaf street trader of London is buried. The story is told that the monkey saved his master's life during the bombing raids by warning his master, who found safety in the air raid shelter.



## The Educational Front and Parents' Department

By W. T. Griffing, Editor

Well, it should be an accepted fact by now that we have missed another dead line neat as you please and that it is very likely this practice will continue until we get booted out of office—our case is hopeless!

But, we are convinced that our readers are divided into two distinct schools of thought, viz, 1) the guys and dolls who lick their chops for a whole month, wondering what excuse we will have and whether it will hold water; and 2) the dolls and guys who wonder why we cannot meet at least one line, then drop dead. In Camp No. 1 you will find Max Mossel, Missouri, and in No. 2 you'll meet Seth Crockett, Texas. Now, we ask you—what are we to do?

### Send in your dollar—it helps!

An elderly colored woman, who is one of the best-liked persons in her community, was asked: "What's your formula for making and keeping friends?"

"Well, honey, dey's Jes' one daily rule I follows," she replied. "I'se allus mighty careful to stop and taste mah words 'fore I lete 'em pass mah teeth."

### St. Louis is getting ready for you.

We read with great interest a few days ago the fact that in the fall of 1952, 1,829 freshmen students enrolled at a large state university. Out of this original class, only 348 graduated in that length of time, that is, in June, 1956. Three hundred seventy-eight were still in school, while 1,105 were out.

It would not be correct to say that all of the dropouts were due to grade deficiencies, but it is safe to assume that a large number of them could be traced to grade failures.

Just thinking about it leads us to believe that our state schools have a high batting average in this respect, that is, out of an original enrollment on a certain year, in the beginning class, most of these children are graduated approximately twelve years hence. You may argue that a school is not as difficult as a college, but for the deaf child any educational project is tough sledding.

### Still handing out your Worker?

The state director of Civil Defense made a talk at the school recently. We asked him why it was that on a stormy day, while we were blissfully watching a TV program, all of a sudden a big "BULLETIN" flashes on the screen. Of course, a narrator is telling the audience what is happening, but for the deaf

viewers there can be just wonder and a suspicion that something unpleasant has happened or will happen.

We told the gentleman that the deaf were just as anxious to take to a tornado cellar as any other guy. He said he had never thought of it that way but that he would take it up with the television stations right away. We do hope something can be worked out that will benefit deaf TV fans. Since Civil Defense places so much emphasis on safety of the citizens, this TV project is an excellent one to give proper and timely warning to persons who cannot hear the oral bulletins.

### Filled out your survey form?

For a time now, we have been getting letters from one Bob Greenmun, the efficient and peppery secretary of the NAD, telling us that he was getting ready to go to Pensacola for tests. Knowing well that Bob could not be flirting with an admiral's berth, we wrote him for some information. Here is what he says:

"Our work with the Navy is mostly an effort on their part to discover the effect of high intensity sound on equilibrium. They feel that continued exposure to jet blast may eventually affect both equilibrium and judgment of distances, angles, etc. During the latest tests on Cecil Field Naval Air Station, they stood us inside the sound cone of various types of jet engines, including some still under wraps, and observed the effect of the blast, frequently intensified by the use of the afterburners, on our equilibrium, ears, and otherwise. The Navy doctors had to suffer a lot more exposure than we, although their ears were somewhat protected by caps that were supposed to deaden the sound. They used several thousand dollars worth of equipment, took around 24,000 feet of film. Also used several thousand gallons of jet fuel. We all survived, but some of the doctors got bellyaches (one would think Bob would use stomachache!), earaches, and were temporarily deafened. We had a lot of fun kidding them over who was handicapped during the testing—we could talk but they couldn't and their signs were makeshift and unsatisfactory. Maybe we will eventually get to see that film, and they are playing up that 'handicapped' angle."

### \$1 a month won't affect your purse! But it'll have a good effect.

We were in Austin not so long ago and we got a look at the new plant of the Texas School for the Deaf. It is decidedly something different. The idea is to get far away from the "institutional" atmosphere. The classrooms and the dormitories are all in small units. All

in all, close to 2 million are involved in the construction of this modern plant.

We got to meet a swell bunch of deaf teachers of the deaf. It is always a pleasure to go to a school whose superintendent appreciates the deaf teacher to such an extent that his faculty is well-staffed with highly educated and efficient deaf men and women.

If you think you are unlucky, consider the plight of the teachers at this school who must meet with classes six days a week 'til June 30, School did not open until December 3, so the Saturday sessions are necessary to comply with the state attendance law. And, it gets rather warm in Austin as early as February! Now, don't you feel better?

### Spend your honeymoon in St. Louis.

If we had some money, which we don't, we most certainly would sign up for the 3-week European tour for American deaf visitors to the 8th International Games for the Deaf, Milan, Italy, August 25-30.

The tour starts August 24, ending September 14. In case you are lucky to have a banker friend, contact Reuben I. Altizer, 1625 Colonial Terrace, Arlington 9, Virginia.

This is really educational, and it should be no end of fun. Milan, Rome, Florence, Paris, London! There is another tour which is for 5-weeks, but you may have guessed it costs more.

The last time we set foot in the bank we attempted to borrow \$5.87 to get some gas for our car. Our friend guarding the vault wrote, "A fool and his money are soon parted." We took him to mean that if he let us have the money, he would be a fool. Did we understand him?

### Yep, we send in our dollar a month.

If Stallo is still reading this, he will know we got his sly dig at us. He is another guy who thinks like Mossel. If he is not keeping track with the three R's, there is little we can say to comfort him.

### Yep, we'll be at St. Louis.

We note that more and more hearing aids are being worn, openly and without any trace of embarrassment. For that we are truly thankful. We have never been able to understand why deafness is something that must be hidden or spoken of in hushed tones. We have written about this in the past and we will very likely keep right on with this indirect publicity campaign.

On a recent trip, it was our observation that people paid almost no attention to those who were using hearing aids. It was not always that way. So, possibly with the return of straight thinking we will not have to wonder what is behind glasses or in the hair.

Try this on your hearing aid!



W. T. GRIFFING



FLORENCE P. DWYER

A national columnist, Inez Robb, gave Marilyn Monroe a raking over the coals all because La Monroe finds it rather difficult to keep the buttons on the front of her dresses, all for an obvious reason. We read the Robb condemnation in silence, and this is our opinion: Robb has the pen, but Monroe has the lines!

**Does that "friend" borrow your pants?**

We have seen a few telefilms that seek to depict the lives of deaf persons. Some of them have been good; others downright corny. In one, a young lady was so skilled a lipreader that when strangers showed up, she read their lips with such brilliance that not once did they have to repeat themselves. And she was able to lipread while her back was almost completely turned to the speaker. We thought this feat deserved all the colored ribbons at any fair.

What does your screen show?

**No. we do not pass out our Worker.**

We think we have taken up too much space for very little that could possibly lead you beside the three R's, into the green pastures of vowels and consonants. For one thing, it is too cold. The wind is whistling wilder than a country boy upon seeing Jane Mansfield for the first time. We never knew our shack was so full of holes, but it must be for certainly it is not the gentle caress of Spring raising gooseflesh here and there upon our anatomy.

So, we will just leave you as you are to catch up on our shivering. If Mossel and Crockett care to meet each other at twenty paces, we will string along with the winner, which means we will continue to relax and be lazy or we'll hustle and surprise a dead line one of these days.

Anyway, our undying thanks for puzzling this far with

WTC

## First Woman Appointed to College Board

The Honorable Florence P. Dwyer of New Jersey's Sixth District was recently named to the Board of Directors of Gallaudet College of Washington, D.C.—the only college for the deaf in the world. This is the first time in the history of the century-old institution that a woman has served on its Board of Directors. Rep. Dwyer is further distinguished as the first Republican woman to be elected to the United State Congress from New Jersey.

Congresswoman Dwyer is one of three members of Congress serving on the Board. Other members are Representative Homer Thornberry of Texas and Senator Edward J. Thye of Minnesota. The remainder of the thirteen-member Board is composed of private citizens, including Dr. Leonard M. Elstad, president of Gallaudet.

House Minority Leader Joseph W. Martin of Massachusetts, who recommended Congresswoman Dwyer's appointment to the one Congressional vacancy on the Board, said she was named to the post "because of her wide knowledge of the problems of education." The Union County Congresswoman served as a delegate to the White House Conference on Education in 1955, and was a recognized leader in the field of educational and institution legislation during her years of service on the New Jersey State Legislature. She served as a member of the New Jersey State Assembly for seven years, resigning after her election to Congress on November 7, 1956. During her career in the State Legislature, she authored and sponsored many major laws, including provisions for State school aid and improved teachers' salaries. She was chairman of the Assembly's Education and Housing Committee, and was known as one of the Legislature's foremost authorities on educational problems.

As a member of the 85th Congress, she is serving on the Government Operations and Veterans Affairs Committees. She was named ranking minority member of the Intergovernmental Relations Subcommittee of the Government Operations Committee—a high honor for a freshman member of Congress.

Rep. Dwyer was born in Reading, Pennsylvania. She attended Toledo University, where she met—and married—M. Joseph Dwyer, then the school's football coach. In later years, after being elected to the State Assembly, she attended Rutgers University Law School.

The Dwyers have one child, Michael J. Dwyer, Jr., a graduate of the Class of '56, U.S. Naval Academy, and now serving in the U. S. Air Force.



## McGuire-Hill Wedding

Miss Adelia May Hill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Hill, Wichita, Kansas, became the bride of Edward McGuire, Wichita, October 28. The Riverside Christian Church, Wichita, was the scene of the single ring ceremony which was read by Rev. N. Robert Gill at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. Mrs. Madeline Johnson interpreted.

Musicians were Mrs. C. O. McGregor at the organ, and Mrs. Lila Brack, vocalist, with Mrs. Carl Rose, interpreter.

The bride, given in marriage, wore a ballerina length, embroidered satin gown. A small nylon velvet hat trimmed with sequins, held her veil. She carried a white Bible, crested with white carnations.

Sisters of the bride were her attendants. Mrs. Richard L. Jennings was matron of honor, and bridesmaids were Mrs. William M. Hagan, Tulsa, Okla., and Mrs. Sidney L. Sparman. Evelyn Mae Sahafer was flower girl, and taper lighters were Kathy Wellborn and Christine Marcum. Mr. Jennings served as best man. Groomsmen and ushers were Mr. Sparman and Carl Rose.

The bride's attendants wore ballerina-length dresses of yellow and blue taffeta. Their hats were of matching material and they carried bouquets of yellow and blue carnations. Their dresses were made and designed by the bride. The bride's mother chose brown crepe, light blue accessories and her shoulder corsage was of pink carnations. Mrs. Ernest C. McGuire, sister-in-law of the bridegroom, was attired in brown faille, tan accessories and her flowers were pink carnations.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the basement of the church. Assisting at the reception were Miss Lois McGlynn and Mrs. George Ruby. Mrs. Francis Shack took charge of the guest book.

After a brief wedding trip to Colorado, the couple are at home in Wichita.

Both Mr. and Mrs. McGuire are graduates of the Kansas School for the Deaf.

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## SWinging 'round the nation



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DEADLINE FOR NEWS IS THE  
20TH OF EACH MONTH.

### WASHINGTON, D.C. . . .

The Capital City celebrated a green Christmas, in fact the balmy breeze could be considered the envy of our northern neighbors. . . The local folks took in some celebrations at the DCCD Clubrooms, Holy Name Catholic Center and a joint party by the Calvary Baptists and Women's Guild of St. Barnabas Mission. . . The National Literary Society presented enjoyable programs sparked by a reading by Mrs. Florence Crammatte; current topics by Mrs. Roy Stewart, and a poem by Mrs. Connie Lundmark. . . The GCAA Chapter started the new year with a meeting in the Alumni Room of the new Library and showed movies of Dr. Fusesfeld, Kappa Gamma Play, Double Wedding on Kendall Green and the Higgins Triplets. . . On February 13th a kitchen shower was held for the Alumni Room and many useful kitchen items were donated. . . The DCCD elected a new slate of officers: Wilfred Spence, prexy; Cinderella York, veep; resigned after a month and was replaced by Alfred Ederheimer; Mrs. Betty Daulton, secretary; Merle Goodin, treasurer; Robert Merriman, fin. secy.; Byron Baer, Charles Moscovitz, Edwin Engalgau, trustees; Gerald Jordan, athletic director; and Anthony D'Onfrio, Elmer Bernsdorff, Doyle McGregor, Irving Hoberman on the Board. . . The Aux-Frats held their annual dinner at W. & S. Butteria, chaired by Secy. Evelyn Cuppy, and it came out A-1. . . Gallaudet College held a dedication program for the new Edwin Miner Gallaudet Memorial Library and was attended by a large crowd. Among the deaf distinguished guests were Byron B. Burnes, David Piekoff, Robert Greenman (two officers of the NAD), James Orman and Prof. Drake. . . Newcomer is the Gallaudet Investment Club with a membership of some 22 prospective investors (who dream of owning solid gold cadillacs someday). Administering the affairs are Leon Auerbach, prexy; Doyle McGregor, veep; Fred Schreiber, secretary; Rex Lowman, and Walter Ailstock, treasurer-agent and assistant. . . On the agenda will be the 100th celebration of Kendall School. Reunion at Gallaudet after the Teachers Convention in Tennessee, a dance by Holy Name Center on April 27th, annual meeting of the Suburban Maryland Ass'n of the Deaf in April, and the No. 46 Frat Ball in October.

An interesting visitor lately was Mr. Flynn from Australia, a hearing young man who is here to study the social problems of the deaf in order to improve those for his fellowmen. Associating with our kind for only 6 years, he uses the sign language better than the average and surely is all out for the deaf. . . Sir Stark has been laying eggs around here and to our friends once too often: The Fred Collines of Laurens, S.C., cherish their second girl, born Nov. 9th; the Richard O. Wrights now have a

girl, born Dec. 2nd, in addition to two boys; . . the Henry Buzzards had a swell Valentine Day gift in the form of a boy, their first: the Mel Carters became grandparents of a boy born to their son on Dec. 24th; to the domicile of the Edgar Bowens (nee Smoak) came a boy on Nov. 20 and that makes it four kids. . . Expected calls are being awaited by the E. Goldens, George Steckers, and Joe Roses (while papa is rounding it out as a senior at Gallaudet and pounds the lino for experience at Gaithersburg).

Recent visitors were Don Bradford of New Mexico (guest of the Cuscadens); Race Drake of Arkansas (guest of his brother and family); Mrs. Ivan Kuhns and the Kieffers of Pittsburgh (guests of the Ewans); Sandy Ewan works part time as a mailer at the Washington Post. . . Mrs. Boswell has been laid up with injuries suffered in a fall. . . Ivan Curtis and George Culbertson have been given the seal of recovery recently. . . Mrs. Sally Alley is back in good health. . . Donna Cuscaden underwent surgery for goiter and the two daughters were put in safe care at the George Propp's abode in Omaha. . . Reports come our way that Mrs. King again was injured in a fall and Ray Cherwinski was a victim of boiling asphalt tar accidentally spilled on his left hand by a fellow chemist; both are recovering.

The Jose Berrios spent a freeing Xmas weekend at West Point as guest of his sister. . . Al Fleischman made a flying trip to Chicago to convene with Robey Burns on International Games matters and plan for the trip and tour to Europe. . . Roger Scott, Jr., astonished the D.C. folks by appearing on a traffic court program on TV, acting out a mock case of an auto accident by a deaf driver. . . New home owners are the James Howards in Alexandria, Va. and the Leonard Laus in North Bethesda, Md. . . Mr. Lau is attending the National Radio Institute and learning TV repair and servicing and hopes to start his own part-time repair shop in the basement of his new home. . . New car owners are the Alfred Ederheimers, H. Antilas and the Alvin Cuppys. . . Papa Donald Kennedy took son Paul to a democratic rally prior to the election, and sonny boy won a door prize of a \$100 defense bond. . . Robert Werdig's son, Robert Jr., still a student at George Washington U., was married on Dec. 15th. . . The James Sharptons left Baltimore for Denver, Colo., operating the lino amid the Pikes Peak scenery. . . Robert Hopkins writes that he and his family are adjusting themselves to the Detroit life, cold, etc. and things are rosy for them too. . . Herbert Hildebrandt vacationed aflight, visiting Buffalo, Milwaukee, Toronto and New York City. . . John Adams was promoted to the tabulating section of I.B.M. after four years in the wiring panel and has decided to make his job his career. . . William A. Gray proudly announced his retirement on January 7th from the local Coca-Cola plant after 20 years of service, leaving behind an almost perfect attendance record. He will go to Detroit to live with his wife. . . A vote of applause is due to two continuous workers in the locality: Roy Stewart, despite his advance age, for his secretarial work for the local chapter of GCAA, and Robert Werdig for his long unselfish service as secretary of the National Literary Society, as results of which both were re-elected.

Mrs. Edith (Allerup) Kleberg and Mrs. Mary King were honored with surprise parties celebrating their respective birthdays, and from their swooning reactions it surely was a surprise. Both were loaded down with useful gifts. . . A New Year's Day Open House took place at the domicile of Mary King and was attended by a round-out of D.C.'s best including the Fergusons and Mr. Roach of Philadelphia and the Watsons of Baltimore. The occasion drew much praise from those who attended and was just the thing to start off the new year right. . . Celebrating their 50th anniversary of wedded bliss, the O. G. Carrolls were tendered to a reception by their five children. The affair drew a houseful of close friends, both deaf and hearing, and the honored couple were able to withstand the orchids bestowed on them. . . Mrs. Henry Holter had to nurse her mother in Fort Wayne, Indiana, a victim of a fall. . . The James Kunderts of Chicago are now located in D.C. Those who attended the ICDA Convention at Milwaukee last summer will remember them as the first prize winners of the waltz contest. . . Word was received that Victor Galloway, now of Atlanta, Ga., was promoted to senior technician at Lockheed Aircraft. . . Vic, Gertie, baby and station-wagon will be in town a few days prior to the NYC tournament. . . Also headed for D.C. will be the Thomas Elliotts of Los Angeles (nee Becky Bowling) and will be guests of the Fleischmans. . . Tom and the writer, being two of the AAAD's top officers, will have plenty to discuss prior to making the trek up to New York.

### NEW JERSEY

It has been years since New Jersey and area appeared in the columns of Swinging. We have been most fortunate in securing the services of Mrs. Richard H. Myers, Apartment 10; 14-13 Chandler Drive, Fair Lawn, N. J., as news correspondent for New Jersey and vicinity. Those wishing to send items from that area will please contact Mrs. Myers and thus enable her to give the WORKER excellent coverage.

### MONTANA . . .

Roy Tuggle and mother of Billings are on a tour of Arizona and other states of the southwest in Roy's beautiful 1956 Cadillac. They'll be gone a month or more and, of course, they'll come home with wondrous tales of the warm Arizona climate while we Montanans bundle ourselves up to our ears in below-zero weather.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark Bond are so pleased at the arrival of a baby daughter. Mrs. Bond is the former Lorna Peterson of Anaconda and the baby arrived last November.

Darlene Ostrum spent the recent holidays with her parents in Roscoe and with her sister in Yakima, Washington. Darlene is quite busy with her studies now that she is attending business school here in Billings.

Doris Thomas is now happily employed at a factory up in Redcliff, Alberta, where she is making her home with relatives. Friends down here wish Doris all good fortune.

Mrs. Tennis Milligan of Laurel is now operating a beauty shop, her very own establishment, and enjoys every minute of the day playing the trade she knows and likes very much. Mrs. Milligan is an expert in her business field.

Mr. and Mrs. Stuart O'Hagen moved to Deer Lodge last October and we hear that they are now comfortably settled with Stu still working at the smelter in Anaconda.



Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Catron are anxiously awaiting the arrival of the new baby and watch the mails each day hoping for announcements of the important event. Everyone misses the Catrons, they lived here in Butte but are now residing in Spokane.

Word from up Oregon way has it that Mr. and Mrs. Bob Kosanovich are well and happy and completely settled in their new home. We miss them too.

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Smith were pleased at viewing TV's Tots and Teens program January 1st and seeing the Smith's little daughters on the screen. The little girls have since gone through a bitter siege of whooping cough but are now fully recovered.

Ed Baker spent November and December working at the shoe shop in Butte which goes by the fancy name of "The Shoetorium." Ed is now expecting to be called back to work at the creamery which is more in his line of work since he has spent the past fourteen years as a butter maker.

Mrs. Edith Cross of Valier has been getting around quite a bit lately. She visited in Helena for a few days and last fall she traveled up to Butte and Jefferson City. We learn now that she has just returned home from an extended tour of California, Colorado, and Utah.

Mrs. Hattie Thompson spent her two weeks' vacation visiting her sister and other relatives in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho . . . Vernon Hippe drove up to Spokane, Seattle, and Portland to visit friends and family the end of January. He

stopped off in Othello, Wash., to see Milton Miller . . . Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kuki (Catherine Noyd) who used to live in Whitehall, are now reported to be living in New Jersey. Does anyone know?

Darrell Robinson of Idaho has been around Great Falls for about a month and is considering staying on and working as a salesman for a hearing aid concern. Darrell is driving a 1957 Oldsmobile, by the way.

Ray Kolander traded in his 1955 Chevrolet sedan on an Oldsmobile of the same vintage. But, oh, what a difference it makes! Ask any Olds owner!

#### GEORGIA . . .

The NAD-GAD rally held Saturday, Feb. 9, drew a large crowd. Mr. Robert Greennum, Secretary-treasurer of the NAD, came to conduct a survey of Occupational Conditions among the deaf. Mr. Greennum gave us a nice talk explaining the why's and wherefore's of the survey, and Mrs. Herron, president of our GAD also made a speech; then the committee got to work at several long tables, and quite a large number of questionnaires were filled out. Assisting Mr. Greennum were Mr. and Mrs. Todd Hicks of Florida, Mrs. Greennum, and Atlanta's Rev. Tuma, Mrs. Simmons, Mr. Herron, Don Turner, and many others who worked hard and long and patiently to get the questionnaires filled out properly. We hope the meeting was a success.

The Georgia Association of the Deaf is planning its next convention for July 4, 5 and

6, at the Georgia School for the Deaf at Cave Spring. This is the first convention since we voted for the three-year schedule, and will be a "Homecoming Convention" for the many former pupils of the school. Mrs. J. F. Ponder, first vice-president, and Mr. Ponder; Mr. J. H. Taylor, treasurer; Mr. Howard Sturgis, board member, made a trip to Cave Spring in January to plan arrangements. They appointed Mrs. Sarah Ware as chairman of the local committee, assisting her will be Mr. J. R. Ware, Mr. Connor Dillard, and Mr. Daniel Van Cott. Members attending will use the dormitories, and meals will be served for a reasonable charge.

The church class at St. Mark M.E. Church has reorganized, is now "The Crusselle-Freeman Church of the Deaf," dropping the Mission from its name. Rev. Richard Tuma of Chicago, Ill., is the new pastor, having moved here in January with his wife and two children. They are nicely settled in their home in Decatur. The class is now beginning a regular Wednesday night prayer and Bible study meeting, in addition to their Sunday morning service at 11 o'clock. Rev. Tuma is well liked by his congregation and is making many friends in Atlanta. With his genial personality and splendid sign-making in good sermons, he has attracted large numbers to the Sunday service, and we now hope the class will grow and grow. A write-up of the class, which is over 50 years old, its history, and pictures appeared in *The Sunday Journal* magazine section on February 24th. If you

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Our "Woman of the Year" is Mrs. Patton Rivers, nee Effie McCrary. She has returned from a three months trip to England, which she took alone—with money she earned herself. Her youngest son married an English girl after the war, and although they came to the United States to visit, there are now three children, and Mrs. Rivers hadn't seen her son for eight years. We think she is about the bravest woman in Georgia, to go off alone like that! All the trouble of getting a passport, vaccinations, reservations, and shipping luggage and such did not faze her—now she wants to go again!

And now we hear from Birmingham that Mrs. Melvin Weil is planning a trip to Germany this month or next, where she will visit her son and his family. We haven't seen Melvin, Jr., for years, but last we heard he was a Major in the Army Air Force, and has two young sons. The Weils were special friends of ours in the days-gone-by, since Bishop Sr., and Weil Sr., had both worked on the same newspapers in Birmingham and Atlanta, and the boys, both Jr. for their Dads, were the same age. We had many happy visits together, and they even brought their dog along—to visit our dog!

Mr. and Mrs. Howard J. Lloyd of Brantford, Canada, were welcome visitors in Atlanta recently. They were returning from a trip to Florida and stopped in Atlanta several days, and attended the NAD meeting Feb. 9. When Mr. Lloyd came to the door, saying he was "Looking for the Mrs. Bishop that wrote news for THE SILENT WORKER," we mistook him for an agent—since he was talking, not signing or writing. We-I-I, we always thought the lot of a news reporter was a thankless job, but if it helps us meet such lovely people, it's worth-while, after all! Come again, folks! We will be glad to see you!

#### PENNSYLVANIA . . .

It is our sad duty to record herein the death of Agnes Binner, a former student of the Mt. Airy School. Miss Binner passed away after a prolonged illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Miller of Philadelphia are comfortably ensconced in their brand new home into which they moved just before Christmas.

Barbara Coulston, a student at Harrisburg Business School, was honored with a surprise birthday party recently. The affair was given by members of the Lutheran Church for the Deaf of Harrisburg.

Mrs. Laura J. Schwalm, former resident of Pottsville, died in Boston, Mass., we have just learned. Death came while she was visiting at the home of relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Smith are now living at the Milford Luden home and entertained friends at a recent party there.

Catherine Clymer and Henry Holt were married last November, on Thanksgiving Day to be exact, at the Rossmere Church and spent two weeks honeymooning in Florida. Everyone extends congratulations to the happy couple.

A baby shower was given for Mrs. Thomas Christine, Queen of the 1956 PSAD Convention, at the home of Mrs. Elizabeth Stroup-hauer. The event took place February 9th and the new baby is expected right soon.

Donald Bulles, husband of our former Shirley Heister of Reading, was injured in an automobile accident just two weeks before the birth of the couple's new baby daughter. Now recovered, Donald is working as a male nurse at the Wernersville Asylum where, he says, there are several deaf persons.

Frank Numshick, Jr., of Wilkes-Barre, is a newcomer to Harrisburg and has secured employment in the new Labor Industry Building as a statistician. He is a frequent and friendly visitor to the Harrisburg Club.

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## ken's korner

By Marcus L. Kenner

*"To smother care in happiness and grief in laughter;  
To hold the present close — not questioning hereafter;  
To have enough to share — to know the joys of giving;  
To thrill with all the sweets of life — is living."*

"Youth in a Soundless World" is the striking title of an unusual book just published by New York University Press (218 pages, indexed, \$5.00). Its author, Dr. Edna S. Levine, a clinical psychologist, trained and experienced in the problems of deafness, has tackled a vital subject designed to impart to psychological specialists a clearer understanding of the human problems of deafness as well as of psychological techniques that can be used to advantage with the deaf. Though long connected with the Lexington School for the Deaf (Oral), Dr. Levine has managed to learn the sign language, which she regards as essential equipment for those who would actually know the deaf. That she herself has succeeded can be read in the pages of this book.

The section, "A Deaf Child's World," is particularly appealing. "There is no overnight miracle for the child who is deaf. His is a long, hard road with many obstacles and pitfalls. But once he attains his goal, he stands forth as one of the educational phenomena of all time." Other chapters, such as "Background Factors," "Psychological Studies," "Methods of Procedure," will be found of great scientific interest and value. Relating the outcome of the investigation she presents, Dr. Levine is of the belief that "the whole complex story of a deaf child's development hinges upon the pace with which language will succeed in bringing meaning to his life and to his world." Of interest, too, is the poignant story, "My Life," as written by a young deaf adult "Susan," whose speech couldn't be understood by so-called "specialists" and who, in turn, couldn't read their rapidly moving lips. Whereas she was wrongfully declared to be "mentally retarded"! However, a different picture emerged after the author submitted her to clinical tests, using methods of communication which Susan could understand. Dr. Levine aptly concludes that "the capacity for further development is there. It wants only the opportunities. This holds not only for 'Susan,' but for all deaf youth—and adults too. Opportunities for adult education are a pressing need for the deaf." (Hear, hear!)

Dr. Levine reveals herself as a refreshingly keen observer with a sympathetic grasp of the subject, anxious that the deaf, too, should "be granted their fair share of the psychological insight and assistance that is accorded their hearing brothers. The book contains a Foreword by Dr. Mary E. Switzer, Director of the Federal Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, and also a devoted friend of the deaf. It should prove of value not only to all educators, researchers, and psychological specialists entering the field, but, I am certain, that the layman, especially parents, will also find its contents of equal interest.

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The New York Times Book Review recently had a poem, "Sleep my child" by the late Chilean poetess, Gabriela Mistral. What pleasantly interested me was the fact that it was translated from the Spanish by our own deaf poetess, Miss Alice Jane McVan. Nice to know that "Mac" is still romping on the heights of Parnassus.

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How many? George A. Dorsey in "The Story of civilization" (page 888) mentions the number of deaf persons in the U.S. as "400,000"! Checking Dr. Best's statistics, it is given as "100,000." Some difference, eh. (And why are only 5% affiliated with the NAD?) Let's prevail on the officials of next 1960 census to tabulate the number of bona fide deaf for sake of accuracy.

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T.V.-Ernie Kovacs, the mustachioed cigar-puffing comedian once asserted that the Radio permits people to hear but not to see; then why shouldn't Television which allows us to see dispense with "hearing,"—now and then? Accordingly, he showed something novel last month; half an hour of a complete wordless pantomime—but how eloquent! With exception of a few sound effects and music of an orchestra, no word was uttered during the entire show, the highlight of which was his hilarious visit to a stiff-necked English club. Would that we had more of the same stuff!

## SWinging . . .

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The engagement of Nyad Chormack of Harrisburg to Donald Wagner of Hanover was announced just prior to the recent holidays. Donald is working as a linotype operator on the Harrisburg Gazette.

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Wiess were made very happy last Christmas by the wonderful gifts from their son, Herb. Not only did Herb give his mother and dad a 21-inch TV set but he also presented them with a deep-freezer.

Friends here and everywhere mourn the passing of Harry Sormers of Lancaster. Harry passed away last fall at the age of seventy years.

Mrs. Bertha Gebhardt, recovering from a recent illness, is now living with her sister in Cressona, and Catherine Wilson, hospitalized for awhile, is recuperating at her home in Pottsville.

## KANSAS . . .

Welcome to Wichita, Charles McKenzie, who hails from Lamar, Missouri. Mr. McKenzie is now employed as a case repairer and does odd jobs at the Coca-Cola plant.

Fred Walker, Wichita, spent two days in a hospital with stomach trouble.

Mrs. Wilmer Thomas, Wichita, had a cyst removed from near her armpit in a doctor's office. It was sore for several days but it is healing fine.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Brubaker, Lyons, celebrated their silver wedding anniversary December 23 by taking a two-weeks vacation in and around Washington, D.C. They were house guests of Mr. Brubaker's cousin, Mr. and Mrs. William Brubaker of Hyattsville, Maryland. They visited with their son, Richard, who is attending Gallaudet College and were shown the sights in the Capitol City by the cousins. They also met the former Kansans, Dr. Powrie Doctor and his mother, Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Curtis, nee May Koehn. Mr. Brubaker had not seen Dr. Doctor for twenty-five years so the meeting was a very pleasant one.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Ferguson, Olathe, moved into the new house which his father built and are nicely settled in it. It is just around the corner from where they were before.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Rose, Wichita, are proud parents of a second son, Gilbert Dean, who arrived on January 16. Gilbert is heartily welcomed by his six-year-old brother. Gilbert tipped the scales at eight pounds and two ounces.

Darlene Irma is the name for a baby daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Miller, Olathe. She arrived on January 16 and weighed eight pounds and three and one-half ounces.

The Kansans are sorry to hear of the death of Mrs. Ida Basham of California. She was interred in Topeka. She lived in Topeka until her marriage to George Basham, who preceded her in death several years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Ellinger, Wichita, had great pleasure in attending a court of honor in the school auditorium at Olathe January 27. Their son, George, was awarded an Eagle Scout pin which was pinned on him by his mother. She received a smaller similar pin which was pinned on her by George. Three other Kansans, Mr. Uel Hurd, Bill Wingfield and Kenneth Milner have such pins.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Koehn, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Ellinger and Misses Doris Heil and Mina Munz were the Wichitans that saw the Kansas basketball boys trim the Missouri team by the tune of 57-51 in the Kansas school gym January 26. No doubt the spectators were agog as the score was pretty close. The visitors also attended the afternoon game between the Kansas City Club of the Deaf

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# Stalling Along . . .

By Stahl Butler,

Executive Director, Michigan Association for Better Hearing



In my first column I regretted what happened to the *National Observer* and expressed, I think, the determination of many deaf people that THE SILENT WORKER must not be allowed to go the same way (not that there is any real danger at the moment).

About that time a friend suggested that I write in this space my suggestion for increasing the subscribers to THE SILENT WORKER. I thought that I should wait a few months for fear BBB would think that "Stalling Along" was taking over.

It seems to me that this is just another need for the broadening of the base of operations. That is what all companies and agencies are trying to do. There is much more security from a broad base of operation; an operation that is based upon a very narrow segment of support is really in a hazardous position.

So, if there are not enough deaf people who are willing to support THE SILENT WORKER, we need to broaden our base of operation to include another group of people who will buy subscriptions.

The most likely people, and the ones closest to the deaf, are the parents of deaf children, and THE SILENT WORKER can serve them just like it serves the deaf. Parents need help. My experience with parents leads me to believe that they have almost no understanding of their children's vocabulary, language, and speech problems. They have no idea what the future holds for their deaf children. They have very little knowledge of the happy family and successful vocational lives of most deaf adults.

These people will buy subscriptions, too. Can you imagine very many parents turning down a publication that will help them understand their child's school problems, interpret what the future holds for their youngster, and at the same time support the program of deaf adults all over the nation?

The first step would be to plan for a half page each issue on parent education prepared by a recognized educator of the deaf. This column should provide in capsule form, treating just one problem at a time, information about the little kid who comes to a residential school; the language and speech problems of the deaf child, which children can learn to use hearing aids, the limitations of the use of lipreading by the totally deaf, how the family should treat the deaf child at home, etc., etc. This informa-

tion would have to be factual, professional, and objective and edited carefully so that no criticism of schools could be implied. Also, this material should be of a quality equal to or better than the best put out routinely by the school papers, so that there would be a real demand for this information service.

Then, when you have your parent education column all set, make an agreement with the Conference of Executives of American Schools for the Deaf, or with a selected number of schools, agreeing to provide parent education materials if the schools will assist in the sale of subscriptions to parents. Each school could be given a quota, and I cannot see any problem in selling a large number of subscriptions to parents.

In so doing, THE SILENT WORKER would be meeting one of the greatest needs today, the need for parent education, and when an agency or company meets the needs of a sufficient number of people, its success and security are assured.

## THE CALIFORNIA HOME FOR THE AGED DEAF

953 Menlo Avenue

Los Angeles 6, Calif.

Remember the "Home" with donations! Help to keep our old folks happy. There is now one vacancy. Anyone who is interested should write for details to:

Mrs. Willa K. Dudley

at above address.



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and the Des Moines Club of the Deaf teams in Olathe. Kansas City won the contest with the score of 59-54. The crowd was not as big as expected as Kansas had inclement weather. Kansas has had several nice snow storms in recent weeks. The Olathe Club for the Deaf served hot supper between 5:7:30 and had a social after the game.

Mrs. Karl Munz, Wichita, had a nice Tupperware party in her home on Jan. 31. Twelve ladies made it possible for her to earn seven stars.

Mrs. Ray Miller, Wichita, attended the silver wedding anniversary party for Mr. and Mrs. Sealey Lamm at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wingfield in Olathe January 26. The dining table was centered with a lovely three-tiered cake which was topped with the anniversary emblem. In a corner of the living room stood a covered object which the guests assumed a house plant. The Lammis were told to uncover it and what a wonderful sight! It was a miniature Christmas tree covered with silver quarters which were taped to the branches. Mrs. Wingfield and her co-hostess, Mrs. Stanley Ferguson, served delicious refreshments to many who wished the happy couple many more years of happiness.

Mr. Ray Miller kept the house fire going while Mrs. Miller was in Olathe and their daughter, Della, in Enid, Okla. Della took in a party for the deaf there.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Conradt, Wichita, recently became proud grandparents the fourth time. Their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Conradt, presented them with a granddaughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Ellinger, Wichita, traded their Chevie for a handsome looking '56 "88" Holiday Oldsmobile.

Mr. John Thomas Hykes, said to be deaf, Wichita, sued a realty company for \$6,000 in a dispute over negotiations involving the purchase of a house. He claimed to have given the representative of the company his \$1,000 check during the negotiations. He contends the company refused to return the money, claiming he had failed to conclude the transaction before a specific time. He is asking the District Court to award him his \$1,000 and \$5,000 punitive damages. Strange to say, not one Wichitan knows him and had never heard of him until his name was in the paper. Any one know him?

Two Wichitans, Beene Watkins and Bill Doonan, have enrolled in night vocational schools. Beene was transferred to the B52 project at the Boeing Airplane Co., so he entered the school to better fit him in the job. Mr. Doonan is taking bookkeeping and accounting courses in the East High Adult school.

Robert Merritt of Kansas City was in Wichita recently looking over job prospects. If he can find a better job here, he may locate in Wichita.

Seems that we will have an early Spring this year. The weather is unusually balmy now and the people are busy cleaning their yards.

## MISSOURI . . .

Waite Vaughan, Kansas City, had a slight stroke which has left his right arm and side quite numb. Waite, at this writing, is still in St. Luke's Hospital where he has been since January and is taking treatments.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Kyte of St. Louis were killed instantly when their car collided with a truck on February 2nd. Harold was chairman of the Mask Ball of the St. Louis Frats, and his name is being kept on the program as chairman in his honor. The 48th annual Mask Ball is to be held on February 16th.

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# The Silent Printer

By Ray F. Stallo

440 Miriam Way, Route 1  
Colton, California



## Goats and Dolls

*That Stallo wag I'd love to shoot,  
Thus stop his boasts of face hirsute.  
His braggings 'bout that scraggy beard  
(I'm told it crawls with insects weird)  
And claiming dolls all think him cute.*

*If so, those dolls of whom he gloats  
Are naivest of the low Int. Quots.,  
Or spawnings of a mixed-up mind.  
More like, they are the ovine kind:  
Just bearded, blating nanny goats.*

We are indebted (?) for the above bit of doggerel to one Henry P. Crutcher, who is connected with the Department of Labor of the State of Michigan. In the letter which accompanied the above — well what ever it is — Mr. Crutcher states that he was a Linotype Operator, Proof Reader, and Photoengraver before he reformed. Indeed! He also states that he hopes that we are not one of those dignified gents who can't stand any but himself poking fun at himself. We hasten to assure Mr. Crutcher that we are the soul of tolerance and seldom take offense at jibes directed at our beard in a spirit of envy. However, we cannot be responsible for what our multitude of feminine admirers may do to you if they catch up with you, Crutch!

According to an article in the trade press Look Magazine, in connection with its paper suppliers and its letterpress printer, has developed an outstanding new coated paper for black and white and two-color letterpress printing. The paper is said to utilize a completely new coating process which a number of industry technicians had predicted could not be developed for magazine printing.

The new coating process is said to produce a levelness and completeness of coating which gives great clarity and sparkle to black-and-white and two-color letterpress, with a high degree of opacity.

The above calls to mind a similar occurrence in connection with the first picture magazine, "Life." The story was that those who first conceived the idea of a picture magazine did not know how slow and laborious it was at that time to produce a coated paper stock, then known to printers as enamel paper. It was only after the plans for the magazine had progressed to the point where there was no turning back without great financial loss that it was discovered that it was impossible to produce a coated paper in the quantity required by the then known methods. However, intensive

research saved the day and a method was invented which made the great picture magazine, Life, possible. In a very short time that paper stock known as enamel almost completely disappeared from the market to be replaced by what we now call production gloss, a direct descendant of the paper invented by necessity by "Life."

When machine-setting page numbers that are centered and run at the bottom of the page, considerable time can be saved by setting measure to one-half the page width plus one-half em. For example, on a 30-pica line, set measure to 15½ picas. This will exactly center a two-digit number in 12 point, and practically so in 10 and 8 point. For figures up to 10, drop in a couple of thin spaces to start the line, and thereafter set flush.

We think of the five-day week in the printing business as being exclusively a product of the twentieth century. And for all practical purposes it is. However, Benjamin Franklin makes an interesting reference to the subject in his Autobiography, telling of the time he was employed at Keimer's printing house in Philadelphia, in 1726. Keimer's religion was such that he kept Saturday as the Sabbath, permitting no work on that day. The others in the shop could not reasonably be asked to work on their Sabbath, Sunday, so all got the benefit of a five-day week.

Here's the National Amalgamated Directory of Silent Printers line-up for this month:

Merle Davis — Ad make-up and Classifieds — Pasadena Independent, Pasadena, California. Brother Davis attended the California School at Berkeley and learned his trade in school.

Edward E. Baker — Compositor — R. L. Bryan Co., Columbia, S.C. — Bro. Baker is a product of the South Carolina School, where he learned his trade. Are the fair grounds still in the middle of the race track in Columbia, Brother Baker? We dislocated a knee at that fair grounds many a year ago which still bothers at times.

Edward Baum — Adman — Herald Tribune, New York City. Brother Baum is a product of the New York School where he learned the trade.

Any contributions toward the purchase of a crutch for "Crutch" when our feminine constituents catch up with him will be gratefully (by him) received.



Art Kruger, sports editor of *THE SILENT WORKER*, and Al Besselink of Grossinger, N.Y., one of the nation's outstanding professional golfers, at Rancho Golf Course, where the 31st Los Angeles Open Golf Tournament took place January 4-7, 1957. Other deaf persons witnessing the meet were Larry Levy and his Annie and Evelyn Thornborrow.

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Jerry Reilly, son of the Francis Reillys of Kansas City, contacted a mild case of measles while in boot camp out in San Diego and spent the time in the Navy hospital. Jerry, in his letters home, states he likes his new life and will study to be a Naval Aviation Mechanic.

Shorty, the well-known dog of Mr. and Mrs. George Steinhauer of Leavenworth, Kansas, was killed by three other dogs on February 7. The people of Leavenworth always stopped to visit Shorty at his familiar perch in the window of George's Shoe Repair Shop. We remember how Shorty could understand George's signs and do the tricks for us.

The Municipal Government of Kansas City, Missouri, has proposed the establishing of the 1% Earning Tax and this will be put up before the people at an election on March 12. City Manager C. Cookingham asked Lyle Mortenson (who works in the City Drafting and Engineering Room for Public Service) to arrange two speeches at both clubs—the Kansas City Club for the Deaf, Inc., and the Heart of America Club of the Deaf. Mrs. Harry Hagen gave the speech at the HACD, and Mr. W. C. Sims the one at the KCCD. Mrs. Alberta Merritt, daughter of the Albert Stacks, served as interpreter at both clubs. The motion picture, "Decision for the Future" was shown at both meetings, too. Lyle hails from Utah, and is a graduate of Gallaudet College and prior to his settling in Kansas City he and his family lived in St. Joseph, Mo.

At the KCCD on February 16th, a large crowd attended the Valentine party in progress that night, mainly to witness the drawing of the seven teams to play at the MAAD Tourney on March 1 and 2; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Green, non-members of the KCCD, were chosen to draw. The MAAD Board made the four seedings. Bob Gratz, St. Louis, was a visitor that night.

Mrs. Harold (Bertha) Price slipped in her bath tub one Monday in February and thought she just got a little bruise on her side, but after several days she went to her doctor and

found a bad infection on her side. After a few days at home, she recovered sufficiently to return to her job.

Mrs. Ida Goldansky fell on the ice January 25th and broke two middle bones below her knee cap. After spending two weeks in Menorah Hospital, she is now at home with a cast on her leg which will be removed in a month or so.

## CALIFORNIA . . .

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Sheridan of nearby Rivera are happily announcing the arrival of their first child, a girl, named Priscilla Wamel. Little girl weighed in at almost 9 pounds and came to bless the Sheridan home February 20.

The Long Beach Club of the Deaf marked the 8th year of organization with quite a gay celebration at the clubhouse March 2. Everyone was invited and no admission was charged which resulted in quite a gathering. Guests of the evening were all past-presidents and charter members. Ellen Grimes was in charge of the program and did a most commendable job.

None of the usual blare and publicity for Frank Schmidt and sweet Nancy Davis who were united in marriage at a quiet ceremony Feb. 2nd in the presence of 15 of their closest friends. The Reverend Jonas officiated and immediately afterward joined the newlyweds and their retinue at a gay dinner party out at Knotts Berry Farm in Buena Park. Frank's pal and best man, Frank Luna, tells us that the dinner was magnificent, steaks at \$3.50 a plate, with the happy bridegroom picking up the tab. Frank and his blushing Nancy then climbed into their new Volkswagen and took off on a honeymoon, destination undisclosed, amid a shower of rice, good wishes and much advice. At this writing, the popular young couple are back home in Los Angeles living "Happily Ever After."

It was a merry crowd who gathered at the Robert Dunlap home in Baldwin Park Saturday evening, Feb. 16, to bid Iva Smallidge bon voyage. Iva departed the end of February on a month's tour aboard the Matson luxury liner, SS Monterey, boarding the ship at Long Beach harbor. Her itinerary will include stops at Honolulu, T.H.; Pago Pago, Samoa; Suva, Fiji; Auckland, New Zealand; Sydney, Australia; Wellington, New Zealand; Papeete, Tahiti; Hawaii on the return journey and a stop-over in San Francisco when the ship returns to the States April 18th.

Los Angeles' most popular bachelor girl, Ruth Bonnett, and good-looking Jess Colby of Oxnard were to say their "I do's" in Las Vegas March 16. Lending them moral support will be Mrs. James Hubay, for Ruth, and Dick Parker for Jess. Upon their return to Los Angeles, the newlyweds will make their home at nearby Hermosa Beach in a little house just a block and a half from the pounding surf and golden sands. Fond of entertaining, the pair tell us that as soon as they are settled, the latchstring's out to all their friends. (Hooray! Free bathhouse at the beach this summer!)

After almost 21 years spent in operating his very own watch and jewelry repair shop at 6105 South San Pedro Street, Los Angeles, our Webster K. Winn has decided he has earned a rest. Webster and his wife, Mary, who live at 857½ West 84th Street, are now enjoying a sort of second honeymoon, going fishing, camping, and seeing the country via auto trips hither and yon. Mary cheerfully admits she has not yet gotten used to having Webster around home every day but, although he really does get in the way sometimes, she appears to like the idea. Speaking for himself, Webster tells us that he has not retired from business entirely, has only gone into semi-retirement, and will continue to carry on his trade at the family residence on West 84th Street. The Winn Shop features expert watch

and jewelry repairing as well as sale of new and his customers among the deaf should take note of the fact that the shop on San Pedro Street is now closed and Webster bids them welcome at his private residence and hopes to continue to serve them for many years to come.

Elzira and Edmund Gutsch of nearby Torrance had quite a houseful of visiting relatives the end of February. Down from Dos Palos, near Merced, were Mr. and Mrs. Katen (Mamie Bettencourt) and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bettencourt. Mrs. Gutsch (Elzira Bettencourt) was most happy to have her sister and brother and happier still when they brought her mother down with them. You can well imagine what a lively gathering it was; there were 11 children in all since Elzira and Edmund have four, the Katens have four and the Bettencourts three. The Gutsch's took Mamie and Frank and wife on a tour of local deaf clubs February 23 ending up at the Long Beach Club around midnight where Mamie was most elated at meeting former schoolmates Jerry Fail, Jessie Mendoza, Catherine Deasee, Eva Leach and others, all of the Berkeley school. (We were all very glad to see you too, Mamie. It has been a long, long time, hasn't it? News Ed.)

Election results among local clubs have come in from Long Beach and Unison. We think we recorded the new Inglewood officers previously and we have not heard from the other three clubs yet. The Unison Club, which meets at the Westside Jewish Community Center on W. Olympic Blvd., chose likeable Ben Kronick as presiding officer for 1957 and David Kishineff proudly accepted the office of 'Veep' with Renah Ben-Ari taking over as secretary. Renah, by the way, was Unison's very first president when the group organized three years ago. Elliott Fromberg is the new treasurer and trustees appointed to help him keep an eye on the Unison treasury are Alvin Klugman, David Balacaier, and Carl Wildhagen. All the new officers are excellent and experienced leaders and great things may be expected of Unison in the months ahead. At the February meeting of the Long Beach group Virgil Grimes and Robert Matthews teed off as president and vice-president with Catherine Deasee as secretary and Art Johnson, treasurer, for a third term, since no one else volunteered for the responsible position. The Board of Trustees include Fred Gries, Mike Deasee and Cora Park. A sum of money was set aside by the Long Beach Club in January which will be banked as the Long Beach Club of the Deaf Building Fund and a special committee was appointed to head the drive for funds which will enable the LB deaf to own their clubhouse. Those selected were Robert Matthews, Joe and Cora Park, Ellen Grimes and Jerry Fail and, although it may take years to reach their goal, you may rest assured that they're gonna hustle.

Gladys Azanow returned home to Boston after six months sojourn in Los Angeles at the home of the Morris Beesons (Gladys and Mrs. Beeson were classmates at Boston's Horace Man Day School for the Deaf years ago) and left behind her many heavy hearts, among the male contingent, that is. Everyone is hoping Gladys will change her mind and come back to the coast.

Speaking of the Morris Beesons, there is going to be another wee inhabitant at the Beeson home right soon. Their little six-year-old daughter will be most happy to have a little brother or sister.

With the stork hovering ever nearer, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Honig up and purchased a lovely new home out in North Hollywood recently and latest reports are that they are deliriously happy in the new surroundings and the welcome mat is out for all their friends.

Ben Kronick, troubled by hernia, spent a few days in an Inglewood hospital not long ago. At this writing he is feeling chipper



once more and busy with his favorite project, the Unison Club.

Young Robert Matthews has been having a pretty tough of late. Early in February Bob was badly injured in a three-car collision and suffered such severe injuries he was hospitalized for some time and is now recuperating at the home of his mother in Garden Grove. Bob received deep lacerations on his face and head after striking the windshield of the car in which he was a passenger and which was driven by his mother, Mrs. Clara Matthews, also injured. Accident occurred in Garden Grove when an 89-year-old man in a brand new Cadillac went through a stop sign. Although we never gave it serious thought up until now, we are inclined to back that guy up in Sacramento who proposes a bill outlawing drivers over the age of 66 years. Now, wait a minute . . . that's merely OUR opinion . . . we have absolutely no pull with the Sacramento lawmakers!

Elliott Fromberg and pretty Elaine Meltzer were wed February 2 and we hereby send out an appeal to Elliott and his Elaine for a photograph and additional information for the benefit of our readers. Okay?

Florence Cohen is Chairman of the Entertainment Committee for the Unison Club this year and a look at her proposed agenda impresses us greatly. Florence plans all sorts of interesting events for the months ahead; a Crazy Hat Party, an Olympic Social, Swimming Meet, Annual Picnic, Beach Party, Midsummer Dance and Sadie Hawkins fete. Sounds like lots of fun out that way. . . Florence hails from Illinois, where folks certainly know how to do things. The other Unison officers include ONE native Californian, David Kisheneff, with Miss Ben Ari, Elliott Fromberg and David Balacaier native New Yorkers; Ben Kronick hailing from Ohio; Alvin Klugman from Minnesota and Carl Wildhagen of Long Beach a native of Oslo, Norway. Carl, incidentally, is attending USC while living with his parents.

Lucille Gardner spent almost a week in a Los Angeles hospital the end of January recovering from surgery for hemorrhoids. She is feeling fine these days and so is Glen Orten, who also spent days in a local hospital during February undergoing surgery for hernia, his second in less than six months.

News comes that Mr. and Mrs. Charles Russell of Los Angeles will also be among the passengers who will board the SS Monterey at Long Beach for a voyage to the South Seas, along with Iva Smallidge. That means Iva will have pleasant company on the two months journey.

George and Lois Elliott took in the sights at Las Vegas week end of February 23rd and George tells us they came home richer by far; Maud and Angelo Skropeta have been busy supervising the building of a patio at their new El Monte home; the John Fails have also been splurging on home improvements . . . a new rear wall of cement blocks, patio enclosure and flagstrip around front flower beds. No "Do It Yourself" addict, Jerry had brick-layer and carpenter do it all.

New officials of the Far West Athletic Ass'n of the Deaf are Don Neurnberger of Los Angeles, Hany Steingieses, V-President and Saul Brandt, Sec'y-Treasurer. The 1958 FAAD takes place in Los Angeles and in 1959 the new Valley Club of San Fernando will play host.

Encouraged by the success of his latest movie film, Lynton Rider splurged on a new German-made movie camera, an Arriflex, and is now busy making another new movie. New film will cover thousands of feet and will be made in color. As for the camera . . . we do not feel free to divulge the exact cost but suffice it say that Lynton could have bought himself a brand new Cadillac for what he paid for that Arriflex. (continued on page 18)

## Sifting the Sands . . .

By Roger M. Falberg

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In the course of our sifting last year, it was mentioned in this column that some deaf people complained SILENT WORKER subscriptions were 'too much!', and Durward C. Young president of the Michigan Association of the Deaf, asks, "Do the deaf say 'too much' just because they have been brought up in an 'everything free' environment?"

All I can give is my own opinion. No famous psychologist has ever undertaken research on this subject. No great writer has ever set down a word about it. Mr. Young himself does not undertake to give an opinion—he merely asks.

I did not begin *Sifting the Sands* to make myself an oracle, a prophet, or a philosopher of the deaf—for I am none of these. This column is written solely for the purpose of encouraging its readers to sift, to weigh, to separate the sands of time—and to THINK. Whether they think as I do or disagree is beside the point, just so long as you are actually thinking.

I do not, I cannot say "this is this and that is that"; I can only say "this is what I most sincerely believe."

Keeping that always in mind, let us take up the question. No—I don't think the state school environment is to blame for the deaf man's sometimes excessive thrift. I do not deny that a good many of us are just a bit too "tight," but I cannot see why we should point an accusing finger at our state schools, for I think the reason is that *we are living in a world we never made.*

*There's a blabber-blubber-blubber  
And a jabber-jabber-jabber  
In this noisy world around me  
That falls not upon my ears.*

*There's a rat-tat-tatter-tatter  
And a chat-chat-chatter-chatter  
In this wild, wide world around us  
That the deaf man never hears.*

*And in the awful, awful silence  
Barren silence, silence, silence!  
There is not a soul around us  
That understands our fears.*

*And it's money-money-money  
That will buy our bread and honey,  
That will feed us and will clothe us,  
In our waning years.*

The creed set forth in the poem above is morally wrong—but it's the creed of a great many little guys in the deaf world, and though I may be over, simplifying, I think I know why.

There is no real security in the world for a deaf man. Unless he is working

for an organization of the deaf, he can never—or almost never—advance to a position of real importance no matter how capable he may be. Or unless he happens to have money.

And nobody knows it better than he.

So how can he prove himself, his intelligence, and his abilities to the world around him—the one he has to live in but about which he has no real say?

Every day, every hour, every minute of our lives the conversations and the noises of the world around us are going on—and we who cannot hear never know fully what is being said and done and why—unless some kind-hearted soul pulls out a pad and pencil and gets busy. When there is so much around him in his daily life on the job that never gets through to him—how can a man feel secure?

In time, if the deaf man is to have any peace of mind at all, he must learn to ignore these conversations and noises. And, having ignored so much, what life roots are there left for him to cling to? The little guy says to himself: "My money is all I have that will give me any position at all in life, therefore it is my money to which I must cling above all else!"

He's as wrong as wrong can be—but the abstract ideas and philosophies of the world are too unreal for him to hold onto. So, instead, he holds onto his money.

He forgets that he is wealthy in many ways. As all men are prone to do, he does not count his family, his friends, and his code of honor among his riches, as he should. For the noisy world around him cannot see or know about these treasures; and the deaf man wants more than anything else to be treated as an upright, contributing member of society—not as a useless appendage worth next to nothing.

Where is the man who can say him nay? Where is the man who can deny the little deaf guy the material luxuries of life, when there is so much he cannot have?

It's a foregone concession that we aren't all like that, of course. But so many of us are, as Mr. Young points out, and all I've tried to do is set down the little guy's viewpoint; and to show that the state school system, as such, is not necessarily to blame. It's just . . . this world we never made!

## SWinging . . .

### WASHINGTON . . .

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Sackville-West entertained for several days two ladies—Mrs. John Anderson of California and Mrs. John Dorrero, —formerly of California, but now of Seattle. Mrs. Anderson was visiting Mrs. Dorrero in Seattle so the latter brought her over to Spokane as she once lived here. They all had dinner at the Winchell home as they knew Mrs. Winchell in school days in Montana. (Don't ask us ladies how long it has been since we were there.)

Frank Lobaugh who is 81 years old and had been living alone for many years was found helpless in his home by a neighbor. The paper reported that he had been without food or water for two days—he denies that it was that long—but he was taken to the hospital, where he was treated for two weeks and now has been moved to a nursing home. He is improving slowly.

Walter Thurston of Kennewick, Wash., was killed by a train in that town since our last writing. He walked into the side of the train and as he had poor eyesight it is believed he did not see it in time. He had lived there many years.

Mrs. Ernest Whitehead of Vancouver, B.C., was in town for a couple of weeks to visit with her mother and sister—her mother has been quite ill for some time.

Mrs. Phil Axlund won a television set in a contest. This is the second prize she has won in contests within the last few months. The other was a large coffee maker, which she was glad to get so she could make lots of coffee for her guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Schwint, who moved to the Quincy district and bought a large farm there, are doing well. They are now the proud parents of a baby girl born in August.

Mrs. Carolyn Colgain and Rufus Edens have both bought cars recently. They enjoy getting around more now.

The Spokane Association of the Deaf has changed from quarterly to bi-monthly meetings. They hope to make meetings more interesting so that members may be more interested in attending. First on schedule is a good movie and there will probably be some good entertainments worked out in the near future. The live wire president, Larry Harrod, and Al Berke are working in earnest to try to liven things up.

By the way, Al Berke who graduated from Gallaudet last June, is here on a scholarship studying law at Gonzaga College. The deaf are glad to have him here. He is taking an interest in all the activities and we hope he enjoys being here. He calls New York City home but has been all over the country so much that we think any old place he hangs his hat is home.

Chas. Raymond has returned to Spokane and after a short wait was called to his old job in a local aluminum sales plant. He had been in Seattle for several months on account of being laid off here.

Norman Barney has retired from the mill where he worked for thirty-eight years. Some of the older employees gave him a farewell gift of a nice sweater and gloves. He is now getting a well earned rest and is feeling much better.

Floyd Tupper is studying and practicing to be a television repairman. He seems to be doing very well at it and is very interested in the work, but for now is doing it only as a sideline.

Mother of J. W. Moore of Ephrata died this fall. She had been ill for some time. She was a resident of Tacoma. (Ruby Winchell of Spokane sent the Washington news. Thanks. —Ed.)



## CHECKMATE!

By "Loco" Ladner



Bill Sabin is playing in the Lincoln city championship as he has been doing for several years. He won his first and third games but says the tough ones are coming up. Best of luck to you, Bill.

J. W. Stevenson gave a simultaneous exhibition at the Atlanta Club for the Deaf on February 5. He faced five deaf opponents and beat them all. He took on four of them again and still swept the boards. There were many interested spectators and Steve hopes to create more interest in chess among the deaf. V. Galloway arranged the exhibition for the club.

We are hoping to have another chess tournament at the NAD Convention in St. Louis this summer. We have written to the Convention Chairman to arrange about the event. Watch for details in this column.

### Fourth Tournament

Several more results have come in: Leitson chastened Chauvenet in one game; Ladner larruped Collins; Steve smashed Collins; Chauvenet collared Shipley; Font frustrated Collins. So the leaders are: Leitson off to his usual pace setting, 2-0; Stevenson off strongly, 2-0; Ladner, Font, and Kannapell, all with 1-0 scores. Only Chauvenet was off to a poor start as he lost to Stevenson and Leitson before he beat Shipley. But don't count him out this early in the game.

Mr. Herbert S. Lansing of California has compiled a list of the games of the late Sam Bean, deaf and blind chess expert, and is translating them into braille. Here is one of the games from his list, played in an Oakland Chess Club match, June 14, 1947.

White: R. Freeman	Black: S. Bean
1. P-Q4	P-Q4
2. N-KB3	N-KB3
3. P-KN3	Q-N2
4. B-N2	P-KN3
5. O-O	B-N2
6. P-QB4	P-B3
7. PxP	PxP
8. N-QB3	O-O
9. P-K3	P-K3
10. B-Q2	N-N3
11. P-N3	B-Q2
12. R-B1	R-B1
13. N-K5	B-B3
14. NxB	RxN
15. Q-K2	KN-Q2
16. R-B2	P-QR3
17. KR-B1	Q-K2
18. N-N1	RxR
19. RxR	R-QB1
20. B-R5	Q-Q3
21. P-QR3	R-B3
	22. B-N4
	23. RxR
	24. Q-Q2
	25. N-B3
	26. P-QR4
	27. N-K2
	28. BxP
	29. Q-N4?
	30. B-B1
	31. Q-N5
	32. B-N4(c)
	33. BxB
	34. Q-N5?(d)
	35. N-B4
	36. K-R1
	37. B-K2
	38. BxN(f)
	39. K-N1(g)

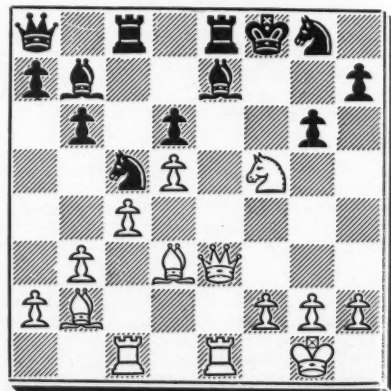
40. K-N2	Q-K5ch	46. Q-Q3	Q-N5(j)
41. K-R3	Q-B4ch	47. Q-Q1	N-K5(k)
42. K-N2	Q-B7ch	48. N-K2	
43. N-K2			Q-R6ch!!
	Q-B2!(h)	49. K-N2	Q-K6
44. K-B3	N-B3	50. N-B4	
45. N-B4(i)			Q-B7ch!!
	Q-B6ch	51. K-R1	QxN(l)
			Resigns

Notes by Herbert S. Lansing:

- Entering wedge.
- To free K5 for his N, Black leaves QNP open to lure Q away.
- Where else?
- Badly needed where she was, but bigger bait entices her.
- White could resign. He has no adequate defense.
- Forced, as the Q was getting bigamous,—she had 2 mates.
- The Q will now pick up a P, then bring the N to help with the attack.
- Royalty baby-sits for a lowly knight to go out.
- Exposes self with Q far away.
- Or N-K5 now.
- Threat is N-Q7, winning QP.
- Coup de grace. If the White K had gone to R3, play is the same.

A fine game by a man who had not seen or heard for 40 years.

BLACK



WHITE

White to move and win in ? moves.\*  
SOLUTION: White wins in three moves as follows: 1. B-N7 checks, K-B2; 2. Q-N6 ch, NxQ; 3. PxN checkmate.

A game of chess can be won in two moves. Here's how:

White	Black
1. P-KB4	P-K3
2. P-KN4	Q-R5 Checkmate.

Steinitz was once misjudged to be a spy! Police authorities assumed that the moves made by him in playing chess by mail with Tchigorin were part of a code to send important war secrets.





# SPORTS

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Deaf "Babe Ruth" of Court, Veteran Coach Named . . .

## Riddle and Benson Named to Hall of Fame

By Lenny Warshawsky

**W**ILLIE RIDDLE of Greenville, S.C., who played basketball at the South Carolina School for the Deaf, Gallaudet College and at his place of employment, a textile mill, a total of 27 years, and Harry Gilmore Benson, a physical education instructor and coach at the Maryland School for the Deaf, Frederick, until he retired in 1941—a total of 48 years—were admitted to the Hall of Fame of the American Athletic Association of the Deaf as a result of the 1956 elections.

The addition of these two raised the total of immortals in the Hall to seventeen since its inception in 1951.

In the voting for player honors, Riddle received 35 votes on 30 first placers, 3 second and 2 third place votes. For coach honors Benson gathered 45 first place votes, 9 second, and 4 third placers for a total of 58.

Votes were cast in order for first, second and third, with first getting 5 votes, second 3, and third 1.

The Hall of Fame committee consists of Edward Foltz of Sulphur, Okla.; Max Friedman of Bronx, N.Y.; Art Kruger of Beverly Hills, Calif.; Troy E. Hill of Dallas, Tex., and Leonard Warshawsky of Chicago, Ill., who is the chairman.

Following is a summary of the latest additions:

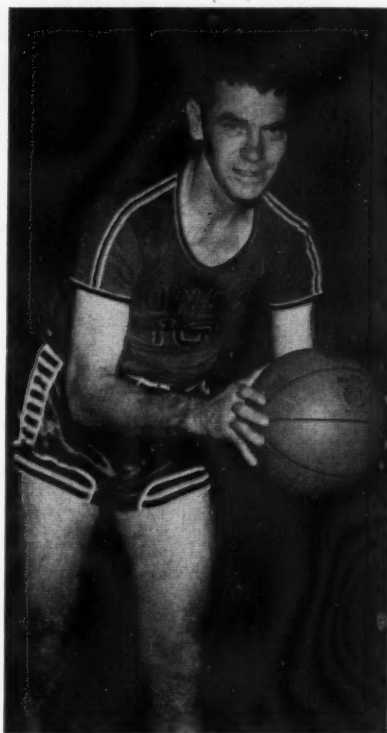
The Hall of Fame Committee is now seeking a permanent place to house its pictures and exhibits, which are ever increasing. At present such exhibits (as shown in this picture) are on display at each national basketball tournament to acquaint the public with the AAAD Hall of Fame. The gent with his finger pointing at William E. Hoy, the first Hall of Fame electee, is Lenny Warshawsky, Chairman of the AAAD Hall of Fame Committee.

### Player

Willie Riddle was born in Clinton, S.C., in 1903, and educated at the South Carolina School for the Deaf and Gallaudet College. He is considered the "Babe Ruth" of deaf basketball players, having played in 521 games; he chalked up 7,618 points, making close to 2,106 free throws! He played for the Dunstan Mills for 21 years—and in all played a total of 27 years. He was the best all around athlete at the South Carolina School for the Deaf, and was the regular center for the Gallaudet College cagers for two seasons. He was also named to the All East Five. For the Textile Mill team, he was often named on the All-Southern team in Industrial Basketball. He also played baseball working on the mound and playing the outfield. In an Industrial League basketball game, he was honored between halves for his years of faithful service to the team and went on to score 24 points to best the opponents.

### Coach

Harry Gilmore Benson was born February 20, 1874, on a farm in Baltimore County, Md. He assumed his duties as Physical Education Instructor and printing teacher at the Maryland School for the Deaf soon after graduating. He held the position of Physical Education Instructor and coach for 48 years, retiring in 1941. Twice his basketball team won the Frederick city championship



**HONORED**—Willie "The Wizard" Riddle, who is considered the "Babe Ruth" of deaf basketball players, was voted into AAAD Hall of Fame recently.

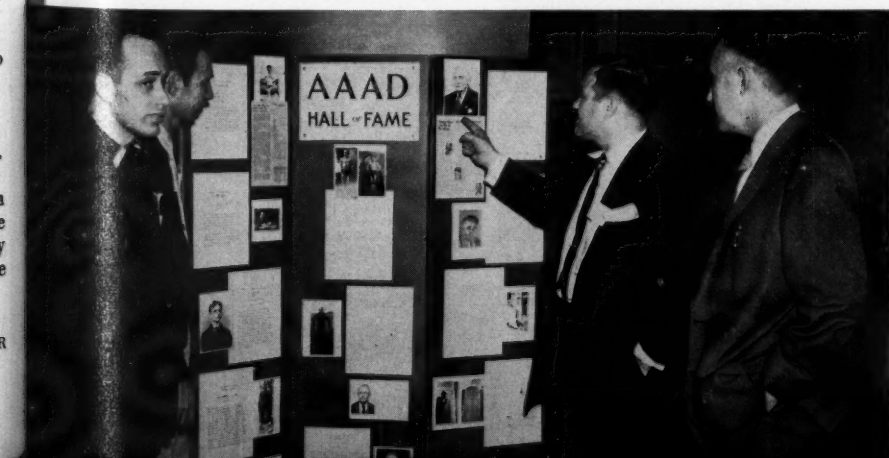
with two of his stars Noah Downes and Harry Baynes. (These two went on to Gallaudet College, where they aided the school in winning the District of Columbia Intercollegiate Basketball title during the 1918-19 season). Harry Benson was also Physical Education director at the Frederick Y.M.C.A., which is a very unique position for a deaf man! For his long and faithful service to the Maryland School for the Deaf, the new gymnasium was named for him on March 12, 1955. Now at the age of 82, Harry is still working as a linotype operator at the *Frederick News-Post*.

Others who received votes are as follows:

**PLAYERS:** Everett (Silent) Rattan, 30; Charles Ewing and Thomas Cusaden, Sr., 20; William Suttka (Silent Olsen) and Charles C. Marshall, 18; Joseph Worzel, Thomas (Silent) Martin, and Louis B. Massey, 16; Hume Battiste, 11; Lewis LaFontaine, and Lou Dyer, 7; George Andres, 6; Anthony Panella and Joe M. Allen, 5.

**COACHES:** Charles Miller, 41; Albert Berg, 34; Rudolph Gamblin, 26; Earl L. Bell, Sr., 25; Nathan Lahn, 18; Anthony Panella and Nick Petersen, 16.

(Editor's Note: Both Benson and Riddle were featured in the November 1949 and April 1951 editions of THE SILENT WORKER respectively).



Remember When . . .

## Abram Cohen was a Football Star

By Art Kruger

Abram Cohen, classmate of Ye Sports Editor at the Pennsylvania School for the Deaf, quarterbacked two of the greatest Mt. Airy elevens of all time—1925 and 1926.

He showed excellent judgment in his selection of plays and played a great game both on defense and as carrier of the ball.

Former coach George W. Harlow once said of Abram: "He's one of the braainiest football players I ever saw. I certainly think he's one of the greatest Mt. Airy quarterbacks of all time—a great team player and a good, loyal kid."

Cohen was the leading scorer of the 1925 team and ranked with the highest in the Keystone State. The "little bundle of energy" crossed his foes' goal line on eleven occasions.

Now let's tell you about those two great teams—1925 and 1926.

After losing the opening game of the 1925 season, the doughty warriors of the Pennsylvania School for the Deaf won nine straight games without having their goal line crossed, a feat that stood out as one of the finest achievements of all time in the Philadelphia area.

Germantown High School was the only eleven to penetrate the Mt. Airy goal line, although the PSD team on that day was not nearly as strong as the one which trotted out upon the field at the Phillies National League Baseball Park to do battle against the crack Coal-dale High School squad for the mythical championship of Eastern Pennsylvania in one of the biggest post-season school-boy grid clashes of the 1925 season.

While its defense was impregnable, the Mt. Airy's offense was equally bril-

liant. During the last nine battles in which they held the opposition scoreless, Harlow's proteges rolled up a total of 254 points, which averaged about 28 points per game. And they faced formidable opponents.

The backfield quartet was really composed of four stars instead of one or two. In two Bobs—Mahon and Captain Yiengst—PSD had two real triple-threat men, two which ranked with the finest in state scholastic ranks. Mahon and Yiengst, together with Cohen and William Potter, formed the greatest backfield ever to uphold the Mt. Airy colors on the football field.

Mahon's work on the offense bordered on the sensational from the very start of the season. Not only was he one of the best kickers—if not the best—on the squad, but he could also circle the ends, shoot off tackle and buck center with the best of 'em. He was also a tower of strength on the defense.

Thrice the fleet-footed back booted field goals from the forty-yard line, a noble feat for any college player. In his final game for PSD, Mahon did his most spectacular playing of the season by running through the entire Coal-dale team twice for touchdowns.

In Yiengst, PSD had another wonderful booter, who like Mahon could do practically anything on the gridiron. On line plunges he bowled over opponents as tho' they were ten-pins. He was always steady and rallying his comrades to do their best. He kicked goals from placement for 20 points after touchdowns, only missing four during the 1925 season.

Potter was a great line plunger on off-tackle plays. He was always sure of a

small gain and often for long ones. His ability to punt or pass also added to his effectiveness.

After the opening game the line developed into a stone wall. No team was able to gain much ground through it.

The outstanding feature of the line were the performances of William Grinnell, captain for 1926 and later one of the greatest linemen Gallaudet College has ever had, and Ignatius Francak, both guards, and when we say guards we mean nothing different. These two gladiators compared favorably with the cream of the Philadelphia section.

Throughout the 1925 season Grinnell and Francak proved a real Gibraltar in moleskins. Both boys were big and exceptionally fast. They broke through their opponents' line innumerable times and nailed the backs for losses.

Arthur Seward and Ben Urofsky as ends very effective in stopping end-runs by opponents. Often one of them would delay the play long enough for another teammate to throw their opponent for a loss. Seward was also very good as a receiver of forward passes.

John Hovanec and Mason Gardner were two tackles who were not outplayed by any of their opponents. They were both powerful athletes and never failed to do a lion's share of the hardest work of each contest.

Edward Morrow, at center, was a player of unusual strength and skill. He was steady in the pinches and usually sent a true spiral pass to the waiting back. As a defensive player he was one of the best on the team.

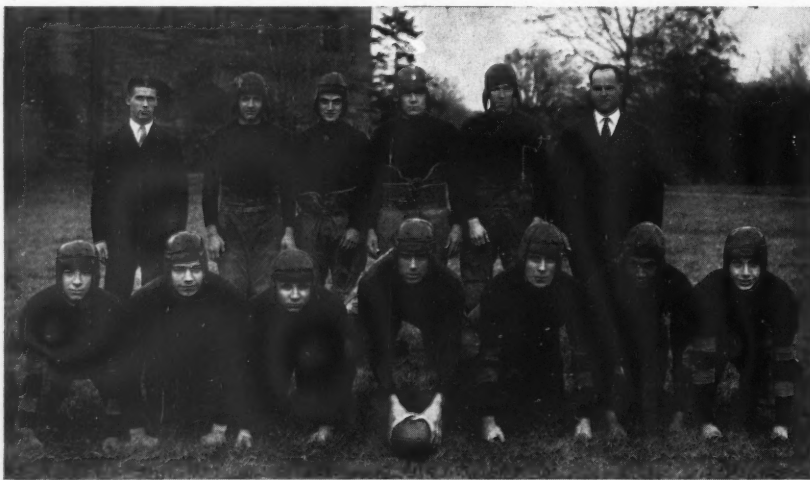
All of these players except Mahon, Hovanec, Francak, and Gardner returned for the 1926 season. Leroy Gerhardt at center, John Bessusparis at guard, Harry Sharavsky at guard, and Henry Minnick at halfback were the replacers.

The stock of the 1926 PSD team was considerably boosted when the powerful Easton High School eleven was defeated by a 14-0 score at Cottingham Park, Easton, Pa.

It marked the first time since 1921 that Easton was beaten. During that stretch forty-one consecutive games were won.

In those two seasons Mt. Airy lost only two games. In winning eighteen games, the Airyites scored 462 points in 20 games to their opponents' 52.

Abram Cohen quarterbacked this 1925 team, which is rated one of the greatest Pennsylvania School for the Deaf elevens of all time. Left to right: back row—F. Farley (manager), Abram Cohen, quarterback; William Potter, right halfback; Captain Robert Yiengst, fullback; Robert Mahon, left halfback; George W. Harlow (coach). Front row—Ben Urofsky, right end; John Hovanec, right tackle; Ignatius Francak, right guard; Edward Morrow, center; William Grinnell, left guard; Mason Gardner, left tackle; Arthur Seward, left end.





The records of the 1925 and 1926 teams were as follows:

# 1925

PSD	Opp.
7—Germantown High School .....	13
34—Temple University Frosh .....	0
40—New Jersey School for Deaf .....	0
6—Coatesville High School .....	0
44—Berwyn High School .....	0
10—National Farm School .....	0
30—Glen-Nor High School .....	0
31—Phoenixville High School .....	0
26—Williamson Trade School .....	0
33—Coaldale High School .....	0
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# 1926

13—Glen-Nor High School .....	3
21—Germantown High School .....	0
41—Drexel Inst. of Tech. Reserves .....	9
23—Salesianum High School .....	0
14—Easton High School .....	0
0—Ursinus University Jay Vees .....	7
17—Brown Preparatory School .....	7
39—New Jersey School for Deaf .....	0
19—Ridley Park High School .....	7
14—National Farm School .....	6
201	39

P.S. Mt. Airy was "crowned" champion of Philadelphia in 1926 as it defeated Germantown High School, 21-0, titleholder of the city Public High School League.

P.S. Hugh J. Cusack, former president of the AAAD and now president of the EAAD, rates Abram Cohen as one of the Mt. Airy School for the deaf's all-time football greats. Here's what he has to say about Abram in his alumni column of the recent edition of *The Mt. Airy World*:

"... Besides his skill as a woodworker he also made a name for himself as a football player. A fast, elusive open-field runner, possessing a pair of swivel hips, he ranks as one of the all-time gridiron greats. Our first meeting with Abram was rather painful — to us. We had been hearing so much about his prowess on the football field, but we never had the chance of making his acquaintance. So during a game between the school team and the alumni, Abram broke loose and was coming right at us. 'Ah,' we said to ourself, 'here is where we meet Mr. Cohen.' But when we zagged, he zagged and we came up with a mouthful of dust while Abram went the rest of the way. 'What's the use,' we thought, 'it would have been much easier to meet him in the dressing room after the game.'"

*At about the time you read this, Sports Editor Art Kruger will be assembling results of the AAAD National Basketball Tournament in New York City. Watch for his reports on the regional and national tournaments, to appear soon in THE SILENT WORKER.*

## Paul Hoy Helms Built World's Sport Shrine

Out in the 8800 block on Venice Blvd., Los Angeles, Calif., stands a living memorial to a man who wanted to be a great athlete but, failing in this, devoted much of his life to the betterment and advancement of those who could succeed where he had not.

We're speaking of Helms Hall, the world-famous shrine of sports — the only private-owned sports museum in the world — erected by Paul Hoy Helms, who passed away on Saturday, January 5, 1957, after a heroic fight against cancer at his Smoke Tree Ranch, Palm Springs, Calif.

For a man who was so occupied with a successful baking business and his avid interest in innumerable civic and philanthropic affairs it was remarkable that he could find time for this great athletic project, but he always did.

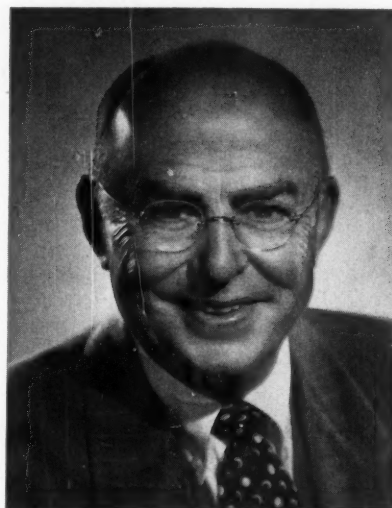
Helms Hall was established 20 years ago last October. From a small organization, headed then and now by our good friend W. R. (Bill) Schroeder, general manager, Helms Hall has grown to the point that it is as well known today in Helsinki, London, Melbourne, or Tokyo as it is in Los Angeles and USA.

Bill Schroeder once related that in 1936 he went to Paul Helms with his idea for a sports foundation. Schroeder had tried to sell his gimmick to several first in Los Angeles without success. Mr. Helms listened to Bill for half an hour. "Leave your material with me and I'll give you my answer tomorrow," he said. The next day Mr. Helms told Bill to move into someone's office and get started. "I didn't see him again for seven months," said Schroeder, which shows what confidence Mr. Helms had in his decision.

Helms Hall, by the way, was the site of the annual confab of the Board of Directors of the AAAD held in April, 1955. The FAAD's Board of Directors also held its annual meeting there last year in February.

Helms Hall is "an investment in youth," handing out trophies and giving lasting recognition to athletes the world over. Mr. Helms even donated a most valuable player trophy, won by George Fuller of Los Angeles Club of the Deaf, at the FAAD cagefest at Long Beach, Calif., in 1954. He also donated five Helms Athletic Foundation medals for those chosen for the first all-tournament team of the 11th annual AAAD National Basketball tournament held at Los Angeles April 7-8-9, 1955.

Yearly the Helms World Trophy is awarded to the outstanding athlete of each continent and this is a most ac-



PAUL HOY HELMS

claimed honor in any segment of the globe.

Until his illness made it impossible, Mr. Helms met regularly with the metropolitan newspaper sports editor on the Hall's board.

Up to that time, Mr. Helms' energy knew no bounds. His enthusiasm for the operation of the Hall, his chairmanship of the Southern California Committee for the Olympic Games and kindred sports movements never was matched.

Nobody ever will know half of the nice things that Mr. Helms did for people all over the world. Although baseball was his favorite sport, he grew to regard the Olympic Games as his first love. It was one of his saddest days when they told him he couldn't go to Melbourne for the recent Olympic Games.

Paul Helms was born at Ottawa, Kansas, and attended a school in Buffalo, N.Y. After the death of his mother when he was three, he went to live with his deaf uncle, William E. Hoy, a top baseball player of the '90s and toured the old National League circuit with him, sitting quietly in the dugout during games. (Hoy is still living in Cincinnati, Ohio, and will be 95 years old on May 23 this year.)

Helms graduated from Syracuse University in 1912. He yearned to be a sports hero like his deaf uncle. When he went out for the varsity football team at Syracuse the late Howard Jones, who was coaching there then, took one look at him and ruled Paul off for the lack of heft. He eventually wound up as coxswain of the University crew.

Mr. Helms always loved to tell the stories of his lack of athletic talent; tall tales of futility instead of the usual boasting of the rest of us. He enjoyed recounting his undergraduate days at Syracuse, particularly his attempts to

play football. "I weighed less than 125 pounds then," he said, "and even the smallest football uniform fitted me like a tent."

He did keep an active playing interest in golf until a few years ago. It was golf that supplied him one of the greatest thrills of his life. That was when President Eisenhower was his guest at his Palm Springs ranch, and his partner on the links.

After graduation from Syracuse University he went to work for a baking company then moved to the west coast to start his own baking business. His contract to provide bread for the 1932 Olympics from his tiny bakery was the beginning. Today it is the world's largest home-delivery bakery, which employs many former greats in various fields of athletics. One of these known to many of us is Everett (Silent) Rattan, who was once an outstanding wrestler in his class. He has been employed at the Helms Bakery for many years since his retirement from the ring. Several deaf people are also employed there.

Bill Schroeder told us some time ago that the members of the Helms Hall board knew of the encroachment of the malignancy that was taking Mr. Helm's life. But he never talked about it and not even once complained of the fate that confronted him. The nearest he ever came to mentioning it was in the form of a thank you letter penned to them last October for something they had written. Then he said only this: "The journey is rugged."

We humans, we guess, are not supposed to know too much about the mystery of life and death. We will never be able to understand, for instance, why a good man such as Paul Hoy Helms is taken, while so many crooks, criminals, and degenerates are allowed to live.

The multi-millionaire sports figure will long be remembered for his part in the Olympic Games, the Coliseum Relays, his world trophies, his sponsorship of many sports events, and for thousands of generous acts. His greatest monument, though, is the Helms Hall . . . the world's most celebrated sports shrine. It will keep his flaming spirit alive, perhaps forever.

*"Victory is a worthy result for which to strive fairly" is the motto broached by Paul Hoy Helms. In other words, the thing to do is to get out there and win. At least, that's the way it comes out when we try to interpret it.*

*Opposed is Baron Pierre de Coubertin, founder of the modern Olympic Games.*

*"The main issue in life is not the victory but the fight. The essential thing is not to have won, but to have fought well."*

## AAADically Yours . . .

By Alexander Fleischman

AAAD Secretary-Treasurer



*(Editor's Note: It is a real pleasure to announce that Alexander Fleischman, our side-kick for several years, is conducting an "AAADically Yours" column here once in a while.*

*Alexander is presently holding a position as an ad man in the composing room of The Washington Post where he has been employed for a number of years. He lives with his wife, the former Georgetta Duval, of Tampa, Fla., at 8629 Piney Branch Road, Silver Spring, Maryland.*

*He takes great interest in civic affairs of deafdom and has engineered many a big event successfully. He is secretary-treasurer of the American Athletic Association of the Deaf.*

For the past decade or so American deaf patronized and acclaimed the following top-notch national and local attractions in the following order: 1—NAD Conventions, 2—NFSD Conventions, 3—AAAD National Basketball Tournaments, 4—State and Alumni Reunions, 5—AAAD Regional and State Cage Playoffs, 6—NAD Rallies, 7—Bowling Tournaments, 8—Frats and Clubs Annual Dances and Floor Shows, 9—Golf Tournaments, and 10—School for the Deaf Football Homecomings. All these are healthy entertainment; good for the mind, muscles and souls and without doubt, the deaf public surely get their money's worth from each of the so-called "greatest shows of deafdom."

Come March 27-30, 1957, the spotlights will shine on the 13th Annual AAAD National Basketball Tournament under the hostship of Pelicans Club of the Deaf in New York City, with Norman Finkelstein and his youthful committee at the helm. For a number of years, cage players and fans looked toward the world's largest, greatest and perhaps unique metropolis as a future site and now it stands a reality.

The International Games Fund Drive to send at least 25 deaf American athletes to participate in the CISS Games at Milan, Italy, August 25-31, 1957, has yet to meet our goal of \$25,000. We salute the hard-working committee and those many generous contributors and organizations who looked with favor on our worthy cause and helped swell the fund to the tune of \$3,100. While we still are a far cry from our goal, present plans call for local fund raisings which will benefit the athletes' expenses. Schools, state associations, local chambers of commerce, business establishments, etc., will aid to spearhead the drive for funds for each athlete as selected and announced in the September 1956 issue of THE SILENT WORKER by Art Kruger, manager. There have been a good many favorable responses from the school for the deaf coaches and we do hope their drives will materialize.

We desire to emphasize that every cent collected will go to the athletes for their expenses of transportation, room and board, uniforms, etc. No commission will be paid to anyone. Show your true red, white and blue colors! Cut out the coupon below and mail it with your contributions, as much as your purse will permit and your sportingly triumphant heart dictates.

To all prospective deaf tourists who would like to tour Europe this summer and witness the International Games for the Deaf at Milan, the AAAD has prepared a very impressive and most reasonable plan to visit eight countries by airlight and other travel conveniences while on the mainland of Europe. No other agent can outmatch our rates and itinerary. A postal card to this writer stating your choice of a 5-week tour or a 3-week tour or direct and return Milan-New York airlight will guarantee full information and rates.

ALEXANDER FLEISCHMAN, AAAD Secretary-Treasurer  
8629 Piney Branch Road, Silver Spring, Maryland

Date.....

I desire a strong American delegation of deaf athletes be sent to Italy for the International Games. Herewith is my contribution to aid the fund drive of this worthy cause.

Name .....

Address .....

City..... State.....



# National Association of the Deaf

Byron B. Burnes, President

Robert M. Greenmun, Sec.-Treas.

## EXPLAINING THE PROPOSED NEW N.A.D.

*Sixth of a Series of Informative Articles  
By the Reorganization Committee*

### By-Laws

#### Preamble

The National Association of the Deaf shall be the focal point of the activities of all cooperating state and provincial associations of the deaf in promoting the welfare of the deaf in educational measures, in employment, in legislation, and in any other field pertaining to or affecting the deaf of America in their pursuit of economic security, social equality, and all their just rights and privileges as citizens.

It shall cooperate with its member associations of the deaf, through their presidents or their appointed representatives, and give assistance to the member associations, when requested, in state or local activities pertaining to the welfare of the deaf. It shall apprise the member associations as to conditions and trends which may affect the deaf, and the member associations shall likewise apprise the National Association as to such conditions and trends wherein its assistance may be needed. The National Association will assist the member associations, when requested, by preparation of publicity material, by giving counsel as to procedure, by writing letters, and by any other helpful means.

The National Association of the Deaf shall be in fact a federation of cooperating associations of the deaf and it shall also render assistance when possible to individual deaf persons and local groups of deaf persons. It shall cooperate with other organizations of or for the deaf, with educational organizations and with organizations of parents of deaf children in any measure its officers or its Executive Board, or its membership deem important in promoting the interests of the deaf. Its members shall be the individual members of the cooperating associations and others who may be eligible although not members of cooperating associations.

While the National Association of the Deaf is controlled essentially by the cooperating associations through a system of representative government, it has no control over the internal affairs of the finances of the member associations.

#### Article I — Membership

##### Section 1. Organizational Membership.

§ 1. Cooperating Members. Any association of the deaf in the United States and Canada with state or province-wide representation may become a Cooperating Member of the National Association

by officially informing the National Association of its decision to cooperate, of its indication of its intention to carry out the provisions of membership described elsewhere in these By-Laws, and by remitting its membership fee. All members of cooperating associations automatically become members of the National Association under arrangements described in Article VII.

2. Regular Members. Regular dues-paying members of cooperating associations in good standing shall be Regular Members of the National Association.

3. Honorary Members. By a two-thirds vote of a National Convention, Honorary Membership may be conferred upon a hearing person in recognition of distinguished service in the interests of the deaf. Such members shall be privileged to participate in conventions, but they shall not vote or hold office.

4. Associate Members. Deaf persons residing outside the United States and Canada may be elected Associate Members of the National Association, with the privilege of participating in and voting in Conventions but not holding office. They shall pay dues of twelve dollars (\$12.00) per year.

##### Section 2. Individual Membership

1. Advancing Member. Anyone otherwise eligible for regular membership may become an Advancing Member by paying dues of one dollar (\$1.00) or more per month or twelve dollars (\$12.00) or more per year. He shall receive a free subscription to the official publication of the Association.

2. Contributing Member. Anyone contributing a total sum of \$100.00, or \$100.00 in a single cash payment, shall become a Contributing Member. Members who were recorded as Life Members prior to adoption of these By-Laws shall be automatically classified as Contributors, and they may advance by further contributions.

3. Sustaining Member. An Advancing Member whose payments total \$250.00 or any person making a single cash payment of \$250.00 shall become a Sustaining Member. Members of the Century Club prior to adoption of these By-Laws shall automatically become Sustaining Members.

4. Patron. Any member whose contributions make a total sum of \$500, or any person making a cash contribution of \$500.00, shall be a Patron.

5. Benefactor. Any member whose payments total \$1,000.00, or who makes

a cash contribution of \$1,000.00 shall be a Benefactor.

6. Sponsor. Individuals or organizations ineligible for membership who make a contribution in any amount shall be known as Sponsors. They have no membership privileges or obligations.

#### Article II — Home Office

Sec. 1. The Association shall maintain an official headquarters, to be known as the Home Office, at such location and in such quarters as shall be designated by the Council of Representatives assembled at a regular convention and the location thus designated shall remain the headquarters of the Association until changed by vote of the Council of Representatives. In the Home Office shall be conducted all official business of the Association.

Section 2. The Home Office shall be of sufficient size and sufficiently equipped to accommodate the needs of an adequate staff. It shall be under the direct supervision of the President of the Association and the staff shall consist of the Secretary-Treasurer of the Association, and/or Office Manager appointed by the President, and such clerical assistants as may be deemed necessary, employed by the President.

Section 3. In the Home Office shall be kept the official records of the Association, official documents, membership records, research material, and supplies of literature for publicity purposes. It shall build up and maintain a library of information on the deaf, including books, bound volumes of periodicals, pamphlets, and any other informative material it may find available. Facilities of the library shall be made available to research workers, students, writers, and others in search of information on the deaf.

#### Article III — Officers

Section 1. The officers of the Association shall be a President, a First Vice President, a Second Vice President, a Secretary-Treasurer, and six members of the Executive Board.

Section 2. The officers of the Association shall be elected separately by ballot on the last day of each alternate biennial convention (every fourth year), beginning with the year 1959, and they shall hold their offices for a term of four years, or until their successors are duly elected. No person shall be eligible to hold office who has not been for two full years immediately previous to his election a member of the Association in good standing. Two members of the Executive Board shall be likewise elected at each biennial convention for a term of six years, so that the Members of the Board following each convention shall comprise four hold-over members and two newly elected members.

Section 3. The officers thus elected shall assume their respective offices im-

mediately after adjournment of the convention at which they are elected.

Section 4. Nominating speeches shall be made only by the member proposing the nomination, and they shall be limited to five minutes.

Section 5. The President and the Secretary-Treasurer shall comprise the full-time official members of the Home Office staff.

Section 6. Resignations shall be made in writing to the President with statement of reasons therefor. Vacancies in office caused by resignations or otherwise shall be filled by the President until the next election, or in lieu of the President, by a two-thirds vote of the Executive Board.

Section 7. An officer or a member of the Executive Board may be removed for failure to carry out the duties of his office as expected of him or for other good and sufficient reason by a two-thirds vote of the Executive Board.

Section 8. The officers of the Association shall receive such salaries or other compensation as the members of the Council of Representatives may direct.

#### **Article IV — Duties of Officers**

Section 1. It shall be the duty of the President of the Association to preside at all meetings in National Conventions and at meetings of the Executive Board and at any other official meetings under the jurisdiction of the Association. He shall preside over deliberations of the Executive Board which may be conducted by mail.

He shall be chairman ex-officio of the local committee in charge of arrangements for national conventions.

He shall appoint such committees as may be provided for in these By-Laws and other committees he may deem necessary in conducting the work of the Association.

He shall be the official in charge of the Home Office, employed there full time at a salary to be determined by the Council of Representatives at a National Convention.

He shall be the official directly in charge of all activities and transactions of the Association, subject to the approval of the Council of Representatives at National Conventions and the Executive Board between conventions.

He shall report to each National Convention on his activities since the last previous convention and on the condition of the Association.

He shall sign all charters and official documents of the Association.

He shall designate the editor of the official publication of the Association.

Section 2. The First Vice President and the Second Vice President in order shall fill the office of the President when the President is for any reason unable to perform his duties.

Section 3. The Secretary-Treasurer shall record the minutes of all meetings of the Association. He shall keep a list of the members of the Association, giving full name together with the post office address. He shall receive all monies belonging to the Association. He shall keep a record of the receipts and expenditures involved in connection with any funds maintained by the Association, and he shall prepare a report on the state of the finances under his care whenever called upon to do so by the President or by the Executive Board or by the members in convention. He shall send notices of their dues status to members annually on the first day of April. He shall give bond in such sum as the Executive Board may decide upon.

He shall be regularly employed full time at the Home Office of the Association at a salary to be determined by the Council of Representatives at a national convention.

#### **Article V — The Executive Board**

Section 1. The Executive Board shall consist of the President, who shall be ex-officio chairman, the two Vice Presidents, the Secretary-Treasurer, and six additional members to be elected by the Council of Representatives, two at each biennial convention as provided for elsewhere in these By-Laws.

Section 2. The Executive Board shall have general conduct of the affairs of the Association from the time of its election and installation until the election and installation of its successors. It shall aim to carry out the expressed will of the Association as far as circumstances may render it wise and allowable.

It shall have the power to appropriate any available funds of the Association for purposes tending to promote its welfare. No expenditure not directly authorized by the Association in convention shall be made without the consent of the Executive Board. It shall turn over to its successors all papers, documents, etc., it may have which belong to the Association.

#### **Article VI — National Conventions**

Section 1. The Association shall meet in national conventions on alternate years, beginning with 1957, unless circumstances call for an earlier meeting or a postponement, as the Executive Board by a two-thirds vote may decide. No convention shall be held in a state not represented by cooperative membership in the Association.

Section 2. The place for holding each succeeding convention shall be decided by the Executive Board and announced at least six months in advance.

Section 3. The President shall issue an official call to a national convention at least six months in advance.

Section 4. Each convention shall be comprised of two sections, the General

Assembly, consisting of all members registered, and the Council of Representatives, consisting of duly appointed representatives of cooperating member associations, and the President, two Vice Presidents, and the Secretary-Treasurer of the Association. The Representatives shall be appointed by the various cooperating associations and their names and addresses submitted to the Home Office of the Association at least six months before the date of the convention.

The number of representatives to be appointed by each cooperating association shall be in proportion to the number of members of the association but no association shall have more than three representatives. The proportion shall be determined by the Secretary-Treasurer of the National Association by dividing the number of members in the largest cooperating associations by three and allotting each of the other associations one representative for each number of members equivalent to one third thus determined and for a fractional number consisting of one more than one-half of the next third. Each representative shall have one vote and the officials of the National Association who are members of the Council shall have one vote each.

Section 5. Conventions shall meet twice daily on four days. The first two half-day sessions shall be meetings of the General Assembly, devoted to reports of officers and committees, beginning with the President's report. Sessions three and four shall be confined to meetings of the Council of Representatives. Sessions five and six shall be meetings of the General Assembly, including all registered members and Representatives. Sessions seven and eight shall be for the Council of Representatives.

Any registered member may attend meeting of the Council of Representatives, but separate seating arrangements shall be provided for the Representatives and only members of the Council may participate in the deliberations.

At sessions three and four the Council of Representatives shall consider measures to be submitted to the General Assembly.

In sessions of the General Assembly (sessions five and six) new business, as well as reports from the Council of Representatives, shall be proposed, discussed, and put to a vote.

At sessions seven and eight the Council of Representatives shall indicate by vote their acceptance or rejection of motions adopted or acted upon during previous sessions, including those of the General Assembly, and decisions made at these meetings of the Council of Representatives shall be considered the final decision of the convention. Motions adopted at meetings of the General As-



sembly which are not acted upon by the Council of Representatives are to be considered as accepted by the Council of Representatives.

Every fourth year, beginning in 1958, the Council of Representatives shall elect officers, as provided for in Article III, Section 2. Officers shall be elected by ballot and to be duly elected each officer must receive a majority vote. Two members of the Executive Board shall be similarly elected at each biennial convention to maintain a constant total of six members, which shall be established by election of Board Members at the 1957 convention.

#### Article VII — Cooperating Members

Section 1. Associations cooperating with the National Association shall be known as Cooperating Members. They may become such by officially notifying the Home Office of their decision to cooperate and remitting a fee to be determined at national conventions.

An association cooperating with the National Association shall pay to the National Association a sum equivalent to two dollars (\$2.00) per year for each of its members, and all members of the cooperating association shall be considered Regular Members of the National Association.

The cooperating associations shall provide the National Association with the names and addresses of all its members.

#### Article VIII — Expenditure Limited

Section 1. The highest amount of indebtedness or liability to which the Association shall at any time be subject shall not exceed the regular income for that year, and under no circumstances shall the officers of one term incur indebtedness that must be met by any succeeding administration.

#### Article IX — Fees and Dues

Section 1. The initiation fee for members joining the National Association independently of membership in cooperating associations shall be twelve dollars (\$12.00) and the annual dues thereafter shall be twelve dollars (\$12.00), payable on the first day of May beginning on the first of May after the initiation fee has been paid. Payments of dues may be made by the month.

Section 2. The fiscal year of the Association shall begin on the first day of May.

Section 3. No person shall vote or take part in deliberations of this Association who is not an active member of a cooperating association or who has not paid his initiation fee or who is in arrears with his dues.

#### Article X — The Local Committee

Section 1. As soon as possible after the location of a convention has been determined the President shall appoint a Local Committee, not necessarily members of the Association, residing in the

locality where the convention is to be held, and the Local Committee shall make the best possible arrangements for the reception and entertainment of members of the Association.

Section 2. The President of the National Association shall be ex-officio chairman of the Local Committee. The Local Committee shall not enter into contracts involving expenditures or concessions not directly concerned with the reception and entertainment of members and guests of the convention without first submitting bids for said contracts to the President of the Association for approval; withholding of said approval being equivalent to the rejection of said bids. In case of an appeal to the Executive Board, the decision of that body shall be final.

Section 3. The Local Committee shall within two months following the adjournment of the Convention for which it was appointed, terminate its activities with a final report to the President, accompanied by a financial settlement with the Secretary-Treasurer of the Association.

#### Article XI — Program Committee

At least three months before the time of holding each National Convention, the President of the Association shall appoint a Program Chairman and a Program Committee consisting of as many persons as he deems necessary, with himself as ex-officio non-voting chairman, to prepare a program for the convention, which shall be published at least one month in advance of the date of the Convention.

#### Article XII — Affiliated Organizations

Section 1. Any local group of deaf persons, such as clubs or church or social groups, may affiliate with the National Association upon payment of annual dues of twenty dollars (\$20.00) or more. This is simply a gesture of support to the Association and it gives the affiliated organization authority to state on its stationery or official papers that it is affiliated with the National Association. It shall be issued a certificate attesting to its affiliation.

Section 2. All local affiliated organizations shall have full charge of their own funds and property, and shall not be financially responsible to the National Association, except to the extent of paying their annual dues. Conversely, the National Association assumes no financial responsibility for any of its affiliates or cooperating agencies.

#### Article XIII — Official Seal

Section 1. The official seal of the Association shall be as described below:

A milled outer circle; just within and following this the words, "National Association of the Deaf"; within this a smaller dotted circle; within and following this the word, "Incorporated." and

the date "1900"; in the center of the whole the letters, "U. S. A."

#### Article XIV — Official Publication

Section 1. The Association shall maintain an official publication in which shall be printed all official papers of the Association, all reports of the officers, and other such matters as may be of interest to the members.

Section 2. A subscription price sufficient to pay the cost of printing shall be charged for the official publication and it shall be sent only to paid subscribers.

#### Article XV — Amendments

Section 1. These By-Laws may be amended at any regular convention of the Association by a two-thirds vote of the Council of Representatives. Such proposed amendment shall be submitted in writing, read and seconded at least one day before vote is taken. Debate on such amendment shall be permissive in the General Assembly.

### Report from the Home Office

Life•Members 3,605

### Contributors during the month of January, 1957

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William L. Alexander .....	10.00
George B. Baker .....	3.00
Joe Sewell Bishop .....	15.00
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Mr. and Mrs. Harold Cliff .....	25.00
Jane Connelly .....	20.00
Robert G. Davies .....	80.00
Henry L. Fleener .....	10.00
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Lawrence J. German, Jr. ....	20.00
W. T. Griffing .....	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Halbach .....	40.00
Mr. and Mrs. Albert S. Heyer .....	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. William Hinkley .....	20.00
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Class of '57 Gallaudet College

### Financial Statement

February 12, 1957

National Association of the Deaf  
2495 Shattuck Avenue  
Berkeley 4, Calif.

Attention:—Officers and Members  
Gentlemen:—

Submitted herewith is the financial statement and related exhibits clarifying the statement and related activities of The National Association of the Deaf, as at December 31, 1956. For your convenience in examining same, the report is catalogued as follows:

1. The Balance Sheet
2. Footnotes to The Balance Sheet
3. Statement of Receipts and Disbursements
4. Report of City National Bank and Trust Co. of Chicago—Trust Department  
Re:—Securities held for the account of The National Association of the Deaf
5. Financial Status of Occupational Survey Grant.

On the basis of the transactions reported by your secretary, Mr. Robert M. Greenmun, and the statements submitted independently by The City National Bank and Trust Co., of Columbus, Ohio, and the City National Bank and Trust Co., of Chicago, Ill., your auditor hereby certifies that the enclosed statements, with supporting exhibits, correctly reflect the financial transactions for the period June 1, 1955, through December 31, 1956.

Very truly yours,  
D. W. WILSON, JR.  
Auditor

### Balance Sheet

December 31, 1956

#### ASSETS

##### Current Assets

City Nat. Bank & Trust Co., Columbus, O. ....	14,753.22
City Nat. Bank & Trust Co., Chicago, Ill. ....	1,206.61
Petty Cash .....	250.00

Total Cash in Banks or on Hand ..... 16,209.83

#### CAPITAL

Capital Surplus ..... 26,088.86

Surplus—Operating ..... 1,789.43

Excess of Receipts over Expenditures ..... 4,262.50

Total Operating Surplus ..... 6,051.93

TOTAL CAPITAL ..... 32,140.79

Total Assets ..... 43,658.17

#### LIABILITIES

##### Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable ..... None

Accrued O.A.S.I. Deductions & Tax ..... 33.34

Accrued Federal Income Taxes—Withheld ..... 90.00

Total Current Liabilities ..... 123.34

##### Other Liabilities

Special Project Grant—Occupational Survey ..... 11,394.04

Total Liabilities ..... 11,517.38

Investments ..... 22,638.85

Total Current Assets ..... 38,848.68

##### Fixed Assets

Office Furniture and Equipment ..... 4,098.40

##### Other Assets

Prepaid Expenses ..... 211.09

Advances to THE SILENT WORKER ..... 500.00

Total Other Assets ..... 711.09

TOTAL LIABILITIES & CAPITAL ..... 43,658.17

N.B. See attached foot-notes for further clarification.

### Statement of Income and Disbursements

June 1, 1955 thru December 31, 1956

#### INCOME

Annual Memberships ..... 1,130.00

Life Memberships ..... 4,572.55

Contributions ..... 19,407.85

Affiliation Fees ..... 1,235.00

Dollar-a-Month Club ..... 3,209.56

Dividends Received ..... 1,461.75

Interest Earned and Received ..... 389.71

Sale of Literature, Pamphlets, etc ..... 30.85

Discounts Earned ..... 10.80

Miscellaneous Income ..... 49.09

Bequest-Estate of Jas. O. Hamersley, deceased ..... 3,797.75

Total Receipts ..... 35,294.91

#### DISBURSEMENTS

N.A.D. Contributions to Occupational Survey ..... 760.67

Officers' & Board Members' Traveling Expense ..... 5,348.29

Office Salaries ..... 8,654.52

Extra Office Help ..... 190.87

N.A.D. Convention Expense ..... 38.82

Professional Services ..... 475.00

Printing ..... 1,019.80

Payroll Taxes ..... 96.99

Office Supplies ..... 1,091.83

Postage ..... 816.49

Advertising ..... 141.13

Rents ..... 1,245.00

Telephone and Telegrams ..... 284.61

Officers' Salaries ..... 3,500.00

Miscellaneous Officers' Expense ..... 13.50



N.A.D. Promotion Expense .....	49.20
Freight .....	86.12
Insurance Bonds .....	154.50
Dues and Subscriptions .....	26.57
Repairs and Maintenance—Office Equipment .....	4.40
Publishing Expense—Silent Worker .....	4,545.84
N.S.F. Checks .....	175.00
Silent Worker Subscriptions .....	1,834.40
Miscellaneous Office Expense .....	428.86
Total Disbursements .....	31,032.41
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements .....	4,262.50

**City National Bank and Trust Co., of Chicago — Trust Department**  
**Securities held for the account of the National Association of**  
**the Deaf for safe keeping**

December 31, 1956

	Market Price	Total Market Value 12-31-56
Standard Oil Co., of Indiana		
30-year Debentures 3-1/8%		
Dated 10/1/52 Due 10/1/82	141	\$ 4,230.00
United States of America		
Savings Bond — Series F		
Dated 8/1/50 Due 8/1/62		82.20
United States of America		
Treasury Bonds 2 1/2%		
Dated 7/1/44 Due 3/15/70	88-18/32	3,985.31
Commonwealth Edison Co.		
Common Stock—Inc. Illinois		
\$25.00 Par		
110 Shares \$110.00	39-1/8	4,303.75
Continental Insurance Co.		
Capital Stock—Inc. N. Y.		
\$5.00 Par		
50 Shares \$50.00	46	2,300.00
Corn Products Refining Co.		
Common Stock — Inc. New Jersey		
\$10.00 Par		
150 Shares \$150.00	29-5/8	4,443.75
Monsanto Chemical Co.		
Common Stock — Inc. Delaware		
\$2.00 Par		
156 6/100 Shares \$156.06	36 1/2	5,715.90
Northern Illinois Gas Co.		
Common Stock — Inc. Illinois		
\$5.00 Par		
34 Shares \$34.00	17-7/8	607.75
Inc. California \$25.00 Par		
1st Pfd. Stock (non-redeemable) 6%		
Pacific Gas & Electric Co.		
100 Shares \$100.00	30-3/8	3,037.50
Peoples Printing Co., Reading, Pa.		
Inc. Penna.		
\$5.00 Par	No Quoted Market	No Quoted Market
100 Shares		
Standard Oil Co., of Indiana		
Capital Stock — Inc. Indiana		
\$25.00 Par		
45 Shares \$45.00	62-1/8	2,795.63
Total Market Value		\$31,501.79
Cost		22,638.85
Appreciation		8,862.94
Total Dividends Received 6/1/55 thru 12/31/56		1,461.75
Total Interest Received 12/31/56	389.71	
Less: Savings Account Interest	20.93	
Total Interest Received from Bonds & Debentures		368.78
Total Interest & Dividends 6/1/55 thru 12/31/56		\$ 1,830.55

**Explanatory Foot-Notes to**  
**Balance Sheet**

**Foot-Note No. 1**

As was stated in report rendered June 30, 1956, funds awarded to The National Association of the Deaf by the U. S. Government for the purposes of an occupational survey were deposited in the General Cash Fund which is shown on the Balance Sheet under the caption "City National Bank & Trust Co., of Columbus, Ohio." An analysis of the amount \$14,753.22 is as follows:—

Funds belonging to The National Ass'n of the Deaf	\$ 3,359.18
Unexpended Balance — Special Project Grant	11,394.04
Total on Deposit with Bank	\$14,753.22

**Foot-Note No. 2**

The amount of \$1,206.61 shown as on deposit with The City National Bank & Trust Co., of Chicago, Illinois, is a savings account to which all dividends and interest received from the investment account are deposited.

On August 1, 1956, the sum of \$2,000.00 was transferred from this account to the City National Bank & Trust Co., of Columbus, Ohio.

**Foot-Note No. 3**

In the statement submitted June 30, 1956, your auditor expressed the opinion that the securities shown under the caption "Investments" should be carried at cost. At that time, June 30, 1956, Investments were carried on the statement at the market value, which at that time, was \$33,508.42. This figure included an appreciation of \$12,869.57.

Your auditor took exception to the practice of including this appreciation in the value declared for these securities on the grounds that sound accounting principles dictate that all investments should be carried at cost and that no gain in market value of such securities was a gain until actually realized.

After conferring with Mr. Robert M. Greenmun on this point, it was agreed that any appreciation of the Investment account should be eliminated from the Balance Sheet and instead a separate statement of the Investment Portfolio be submitted, showing cost and present market value.

This has been effected in the preparation of this statement. An analysis of the Investment Account, showing Securities Held and present market value, is herewith attached.

**Foot-Note No. 4**

Under the caption "Advances to The Silent Worker" an amount of \$500 is shown. On the statement submitted June 30, 1956, this was shown at \$3,277.99. This is a reduction of \$2,777.99.

To avoid any possible interpretation that \$2,777.99 had been repaid to The National Association of the Deaf by The Silent Worker, the following explanation is made.

Due to a misunderstanding by your auditor as to how payments to the Color Art Press were to be handled, your auditor had been considering payments of this nature on behalf of The Silent Worker to be advances to them, presumably to be repaid at some future date. Correspondence with your officers, particularly, Mr. Greenmun, revealed to your auditor that this amount \$2,777.99 should have been considered as Publishing Expense. Consequently, the downward adjustment was made of this account to the original advance of \$500.00, which was made at the time when The Silent Worker began publication.

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